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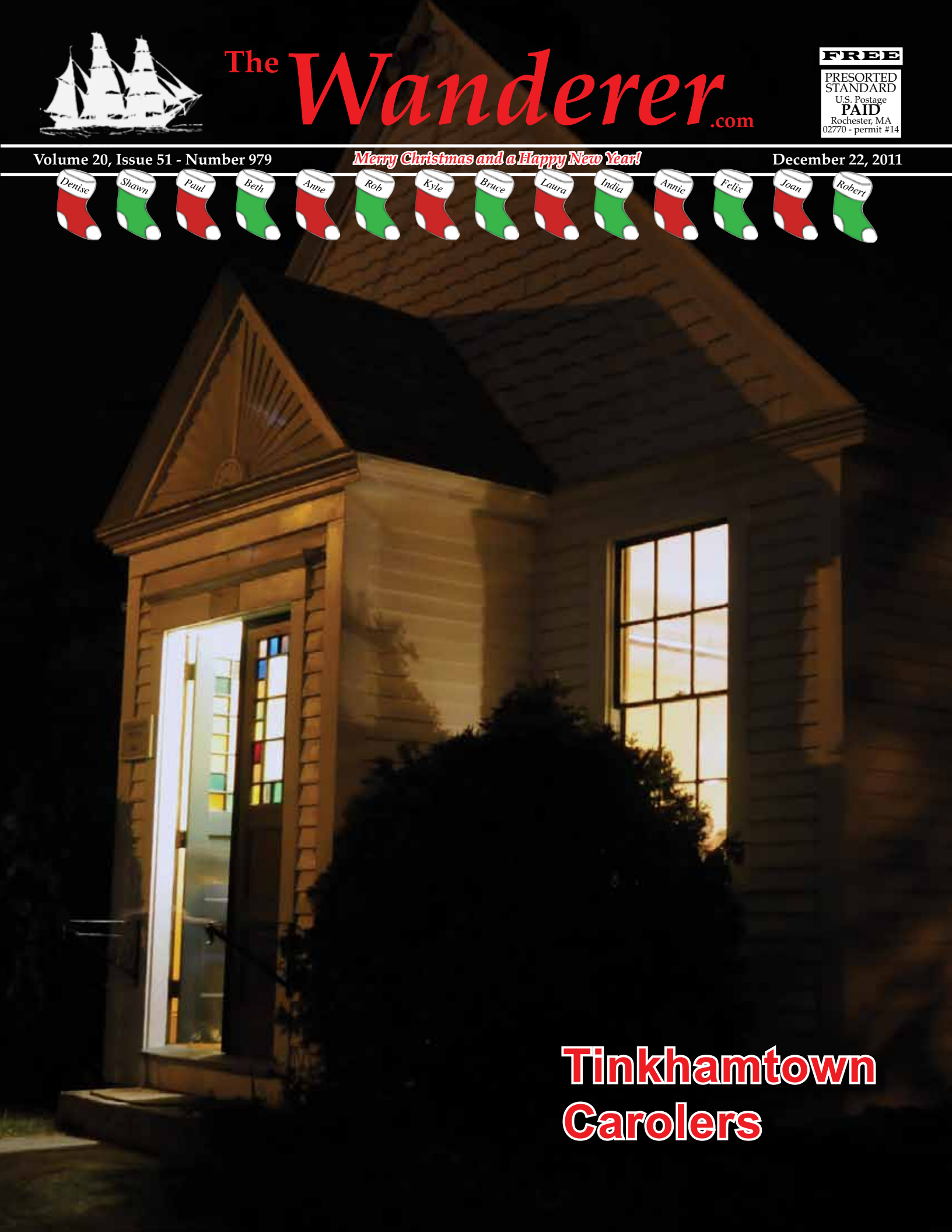
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Tinkhamtown Carolers Light the Night

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Certain joys transcend time – and caroling is one surefire way to ignite the spirit of the holidays.

The more than 50 carolers who ventured out to Tinkamtown Chapel on Saturday, December 17 enjoyed the chance to sing their favorite Christmas songs and also joined the generations of singers before them in a tradition that dates back over 100 years.

That evening the pews were nearly filled as carolers sang some of the more traditional holiday tunes – including "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", ""The First Noel" and "Silent Night" – by the light of about a half dozen kerosene lamps. Gail Roberts played the accompanying music on a 160-year old pump organ, which music leader Kate Webb said is one the oldest functioning in the state. Ms. Webb herself has participated in the event since her children were involved in the choir 28 years ago.



On the Cover & Above: *Carolers gathered at Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett on the evening of December 17, 2011, to evoke the Christmas spirit. Revelers enjoyed old holiday song favorites and warmth from a potbelly stove. Photo by Felix Perez.*

Another local with deep ties to the event, Crystal Randall Medeiros, remembers caroling at Tinkamtown Chapel every year as a child.

"It is the same as I remember it. It really gets us into the spirit," she said. "People don't realize that so many people donate time for it to happen."

Jocelyn White and Maggie Moniz also have been coming for years, and recalled singing a cappella years ago in an act special to the event. Ms. White said the best way to describe the event is "nostalgic."

The Tinkhamtown Chapel itself is a historic landmark, which although no longer has a minister, occasionally hosts weddings and other events. The chapel lacks electricity, thus holiday carolers who stepped in the building that night also may have felt they stepped back in time. The chapel was nice and toasty thanks to a potbelly stove.

A highlight of the event was a solo violin performance of "O Come, Emmanuel" by Megan Berard and children of all ages leading "The Twelve Days of Christmas" – with each holding a sign to keep everyone on cue. Of course, several times the days got mixed during the refrain, but all in good fun.

Of the whole event, Ms. Webb simply said, "It was perfect."

Local Youth Selected to Meet Governor

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Some local youth are showing that giving back begins at any age.

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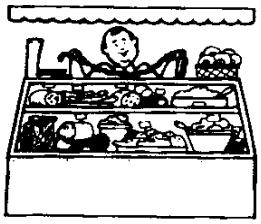
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Rochester Regional eighth graders Holly Frink, Evan Roznoy and Jared Wheeler recently were chosen to participate in a special day of community service, leadership development and networking with Governor Deval Patrick on January 14, 2012.

These youth will represent Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester as part of Project 351 – a "youth congress" formed each year with eighth grade "Ambassadors" throughout the commonwealth to celebrate service and civic leadership.

The students were nominated by their teachers for embracing the ethic of service, or as the nonprofit Project 351 describes it, for embodying "humility, integrity, compassion, commitment and generosity of spirit."

Each of the three eighth graders in one way or another give back to the community.

Mr. Roznoy, for instance, is active in the Mattapoisett Boys Scouts and participated in related projects feeding the elderly, restoring an old fence around the Mattapoisett Historical Museum with the Lands Trust, and planted new trees.

In his recommendation letter, ORR instructor Angie Vaughn said Mr. Roznoy "flies under the radar never looking for praise. This experience will encourage him to embrace his natural leadership skills."

"In terms of integrity and generosity, Evan always puts what is 'right' ahead of what is 'popular,'"

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Ms. Vaughn added.

Mr. Roznoy said he is excited to go to Boston, adding that the ethic of giving back is alive and well with today's youth.

"A lot of people do community service, much more than what people would normally think," Mr. Roznoy said.

Mr. Wheeler of the eighth grade trio also expressed enthusiasm for the event. He said his current service includes tutoring seventh graders and helping ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester. He said the latter experience has shown him the generosity in people.

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demeanor, and his work ethic is above average," said ORR instructor Jeffrey Lombard in his recommendation letter for Mr. Wheeler. The event "will bring a stronger sense of his potential leadership to our school and community," he said.

Eighth grader Holly Frink also is steeped in volunteerism, giving her time to an animal shelter, regularly helping out at a New Bedford soup kitchen, and starting a fundraising page for Invisible Children – a nonprofit that helps children in Uganda.

Ms. Frink "exemplifies community" and is "just as helpful [in] her day to day interactions with her peers," said an unattributed recommendation letter.

"Not everyone would give up a Saturday to volunteer," Ms. Frink said, but said many young people still do find a way to help – even if just by donating to a cause online.

"These are all good kids," Principal Kevin Brogioli said of the Tri-Town Ambassadors. He said last year the three students enjoyed the community service work and loved meeting the governor and celebrities – such as the Boston Celtics' Ray Allen – who participated in the event.

Therese Valente, who chaperoned Project 351 last year, said that day of service in the state's capital impressed her.

"There were so many kids there, I was impressed with how they wanted to help. It was amazing to hear what the kids do in their communities," she said.

"It was uplifting. I left feeling like there is hope in the world."

Elves Visit Natural History Museum

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

"She is starting it for me and then I'll finish it," said Max Richins, as Morgan Miedema started with two popsicle sticks and wove yarn around and between the cross of the two sticks.

Max and Morgan and many others, gathered at the Marion Natural History Museum on Wednesday afternoon for a holiday gift making session, headed by Executive Director Liz Leidhold who was assisted by

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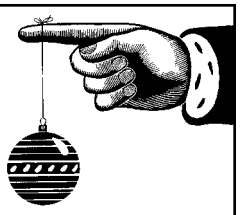
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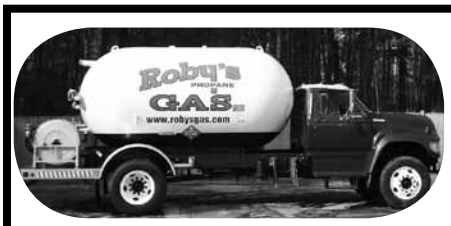
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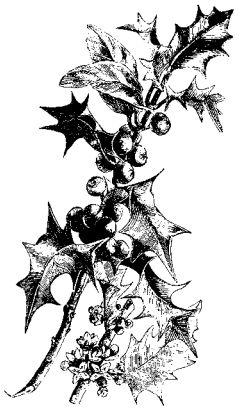


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several board members of the museum.

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The purpose was to make holiday gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, neighbors and anyone else on the children's' gift list.

Although the Lego corner was an irresistible attraction for several boys, they eventually gathered at the table to make turtles made of rocks, animal lapel pins, octopus tree ornaments, business card holders, sea shell refrigerator magnets, yarn squares, and a "mouse nest" made out of a walnut shell.

"We do this every year and it is a celebration of the end of the after school program for the year" said Ms. Leidhold. "It gives the children a chance to make something to bring home and present to their family during the holidays."

The after school program for 2011 included building a mini cranberry bog (in a cup), animal watching, rocks and fossils study, sessions on "bugs in the cranberry bog" and the importance of bees in nature. The museum also runs a Lego robotics club.

Mr. Silva, a volunteer and board member manned

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the glue gun station and helped the children put "eyes" on their creatures and secure felt around pin cushions, whose base was a sea shell with a felt top overtop cotton stuffing.

"We have to wait until the paint is dry before we glue on the eyes," said Mr. Silva to more than one child who approached, googly eyes in hand.

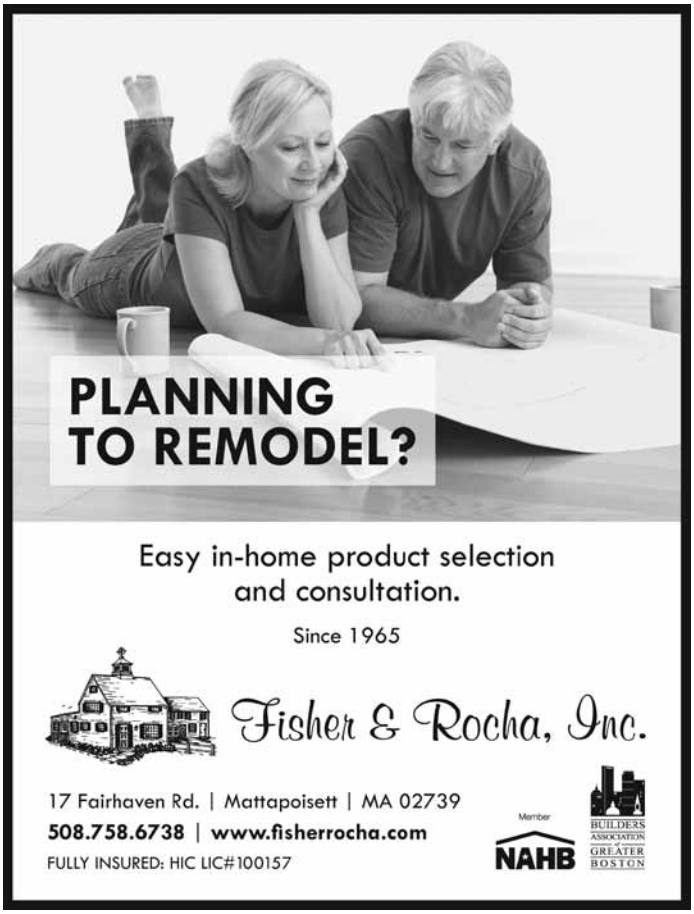
"We've had the afterschool program here for many years and find that this is a great place for children to learn about nature and focus on the many exhibits," said Ms. Leidhold as she pointed to the extensive butterfly and seabird exhibits.

Ms. Leidhold is planning the spring 2012 after school program which will include a study of whales,

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Spontaneous "Flash Mob" Delights Shoppers

By Shawn Sweet and Anne Kakley

A large group of SouthCoast carolers surprised and delighted shoppers at the North Dartmouth Mall last Friday evening, December 16, with a "flash mob" holiday performance.

To the Christmas shopper, it appeared to be a spontaneous outpouring of holiday cheer, but in reality, the event began two weeks ago when Rochester native and Old Rochester Regional graduate Chad Michael Peters started buzzing about the project on Facebook and Twitter.

By late day on Friday, approximately 200 people – including many Tri-Town residents – had RSVPed "yes" to attend the event, which took place at the Santa station in the mall.

On his Facebook page, Mr. Peters issued a humorous and lively tutorial on how he wanted the carols to proceed. First, revelers would break out into "Deck the Halls" and don their Christmas attire. Then, they would transition into "Silent Night" and hold lighted LED votive candles, and then finish the surprise performance with

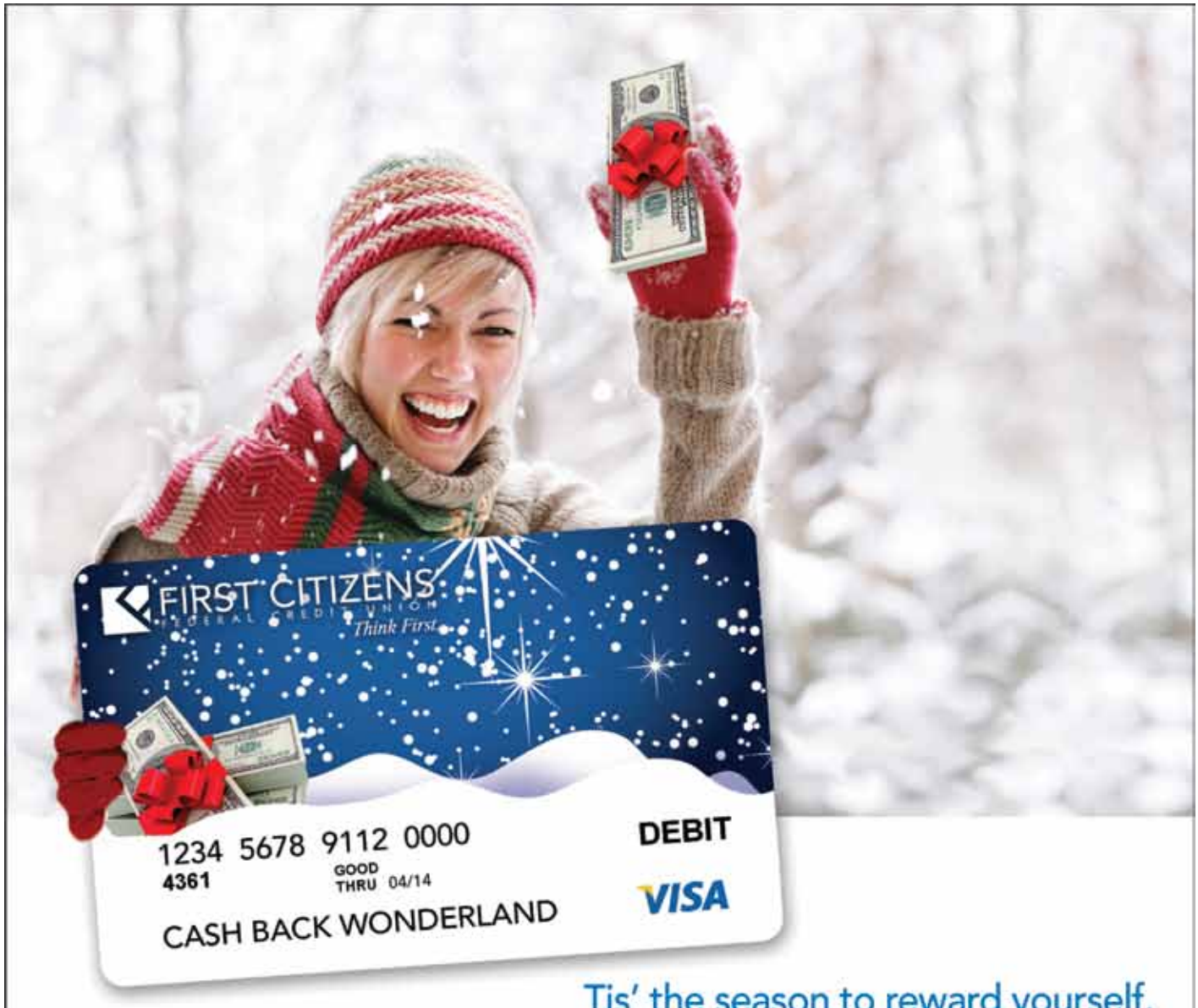
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"I'm so excited. I feel like a kid waiting for Santy Claus," Mr. Peters said before the performance. Mr. Peters had been in close communication with Dartmouth Mall security to ensure that the added group would be able to complete the act in a safe manner. As a result, there was added security at the mall.

"We just wanted to come together and share the spirit," said Mr. Peters. "For many of us, there's a history with the mall. We grew up shopping at Peerless and eating at Woolworth's. This [was] also a nice way to give back. People [could] shop before and after the event and spend their holiday dollars on their Christmas treasures."

Mr. Peters said that he was "amazed" at the number of people who replied that they would attend the event.

Mattapoisett resident Debbie Baldwin brought her granddaughter Autumn Tangney to the event on her way to a Christmas concert later in the evening. "I didn't practice, but I'm really excited about it," said Ms. Baldwin, who said that she wanted to videotape the flash mob more than she wanted to participate.

Media – including cameras, video cameras and smartphones – were in no short supply as shoppers and carolers alike recorded the event as it unfolded.

Content after the performance, Mr. Peters said that coordinating a flash mob had been on his "bucket list" and he felt satisfied that it went well.

Rochester Scout Earns Heroism Medal

By Anne Kakley

On a February 2011 trip, fun was the furthest thing from 15-year-old Boy Scout Ben Ferreira's mind, as he watched a man fill up a gas can and snowmobile at a New Hampshire service station.

Mr. Ferreira, who was sitting in his father's truck, observed the man as he spilled gasoline while filling the can. When the man started the snowmobile, he ignited the fuel and was engulfed in a ball of flames.

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"The explosion was so loud, it shook the building," said Mr. Ferreira.

What followed was some quick thinking on the Rochester teenager's behalf, which has earned him the prestige of a National Heroism Award from the Boy Scout Council.

When Mr. Ferreira saw that the man was on fire, he jumped out of his father's truck and ran into the gas station storefront. There, he saw the clerk struggling with the pin on a fire extinguisher. Mr. Ferreira took the extinguisher from the clerk and pulled the pin, ran outside, and quickly put the flames out.

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Very few scouts are awarded the Heroism Medal, said Rochester Scoutmaster Michael Blanchard, who has been Scoutmaster for Mr. Ferreira's Pack 31 since 2010. Mr. Blanchard gave some perspective to the exclusive award, saying that only 3,230 Heroism Medals have been issued since the medal's inception in 1923 – compare that to the 2.1 million Boy Scouts who have obtained the fairly unusual achievement of Eagle Scout.

"There are very few Heroism [medals] awarded," said Mr. Blanchard, who filed the application for a Heroism Medal after hearing about Mr. Ferreira's exceptional deed. "He and his whole family – they are absolutely thrilled. I've been walking on air since I got the call from [the National Boy Scout Council]."

Mr. Blanchard credits scout training with giving Mr. Ferreira the skill set needed to handle an emergency situation. While the victim struggled to put out the flames and pull the snowmobile away from the gas pumps, Mr. Ferreira pushed him away from the fully engulfed snowmobile and extinguished the flames. His father Dan Ferreira, a Rochester firefighter/EMT and assistant Scoutmaster, helped extinguish flames and assessed injuries on the scene.

"I was very impressed with the way Ben reacted," said Mr. Ferreira. "He didn't hesitate. He just did what needed to be done… We're proud of him. We're pleased with him and he knows that."

The process for a Heroism Medal, from



nomination to commendation, took six months, Mr. Blanchard said. In addition to a medal, Mr. Ferreira earned a Certificate of Achievement, a knot on his uniform, and a letter from Senator Scott Brown commending him on his deed.

"We're very appreciative that Mike Blanchard took the time to submit the award and to follow up on it," said the elder Ferreira. "We don't know that all scoutmasters would have taken the time to follow through on this. We're very appreciative that he did."

Ben Ferreira, a student at Bristol Aggie, intends on following in his dad's footsteps, to become a firefighter/EMT, with plans to take the EMT exam when he turns 18.

Mattapoisett Maintains Single Tax Rate

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

At a classification hearing with town Assessors on December 19, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen voted to maintain a single tax rate among property classes for Fiscal Year 2012.

Principal Assessor Kathleen Costello presented a FY12 assessment overview, which projected the average assessed value for property classes in the upcoming year. According to the findings, single-family residential assessed value would experience, on average, a 3.21 percent increase, while commercial would experience

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a .62 decrease and industrial would experience a 13.90 percent decrease.

Ms. Costello reported "larger than normal growth in new commercial", which came with the addition of Yard Boss to Route 6 and a Toyota of Dartmouth collision center on Boat Rock Road, in the Industrial Park.

"Basically, those two parcels really kicked up our new growth," Ms. Costello said.

Overall, the average single-family residential tax bill will see an increase of $163 a year.

The single family residential bracket represents 94 percent of the Assessor's database. Assessments are property valuations that are determined by the Board of Assessors via real estate market analysis and Commissioner of Revenue regulations.

Residents who disagree with a property assessment may file an abatement request at the Assessor's Office.

Ms. Costello advised the Board to avoid a split tax rate. "Really, it is not worth while for the town of Mattapoisett," she said. "It would really hurt the small businesses in Mattapoisett."

The Assessor's office has mailed notifications of the pending assessment to residents, including seasonal residents, Ms. Costello said. FY12 valuations can be seen by visiting the Assessor's office during regular town hall hours or by visiting www.Mattapoisett.net.

Tabor to Enhance Street Signage

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

A little over a month after a motorist struck and injured two Tabor Academy students on Spring Street, the school is undertaking an initiative to repaint crosswalks, increase wattage of streetlights and install "radar gun"

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signs that would announce to oncoming cars their speed.

The Marion Board of Selectmen at their December 20 meeting okayed these measures to help improve pedestrian and vehicular safety on Front and Spring Streets.

Specifically, the school will paint red "STOP – LOOK – WAVE" signs in the crosswalks themselves and plans to install the "radar gun" signs to the north around the area of the Fish Athletic Center and the southern end of the campus on the east side of Front Street.

"To its credit, Tabor has taken a pro-active approach so [an accident] doesn't happen again," said Town Administrator Paul Dawson at the meeting.

"They are paying closer attention and faculty and



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staff are doing a good job teaching the students that the streets are streets, not just a part of the campus," he said.

According to a December 20 letter to the board from Tabor Headmaster Jay Stroud, the school has worked closely with Police Chief Lincoln Miller on reviewing the advantages of the proposed signs and investigating increasing police presence on both Front and Spring Streets.

"This is a great plan that benefits students and the community at large," Mr. Dawson said.

In other business, the Selectmen approved changes to rules governing how commercial boatyards rent out their moorings.

Marion Harbormaster Michael Cormier and the Marine Resources Commission had supported the measures, which they forwarded to the Selectmen for their approval.

Essentially boatyards typically rent out their moorings for the season for commercial use, but allow transient vessels to pay a fee for unrented and available moorings.

Under the new rules, the boatyards would have to determine which moorings are for transient boats, and which ones are for commercial vessels, by July 1 each season. Moreover, information on boats docking at these moorings would have to be passed on to the harbormaster and would be subject to a fee if they stay for more than 14 days.

Selectman Roger Blanchette said that in the past, Mr. Cormier has been sent on emergency calls to a transient vessel – for instance for diesel leaking – and "he has no clue who that person is" who owns the boat.

"[Mr. Cormier] needs to be able to act in an emergency, but there are no rules and regulations right now. The harbormaster does a great job, and wants to make sure everyone is safe," he said.

In addition to safety benefits, Mr. Blanchette said the measure ensures that the fee charged to the transient vessel is handed over to the town.

To that, Selectman Chairman Jonathan Henry said, "It's a bigger issue how many people are tied up there and we don't get a fee."

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Mr. Henry did express some reservations to the measures, specifically if they are doable and whether there is a better "top down approach" to handling the issue.

"There is some element missing from this. It is not a foolproof thing," Selectman Henry said.

"It is 99 percent better than what we have now," Selectman Blanchette replied.

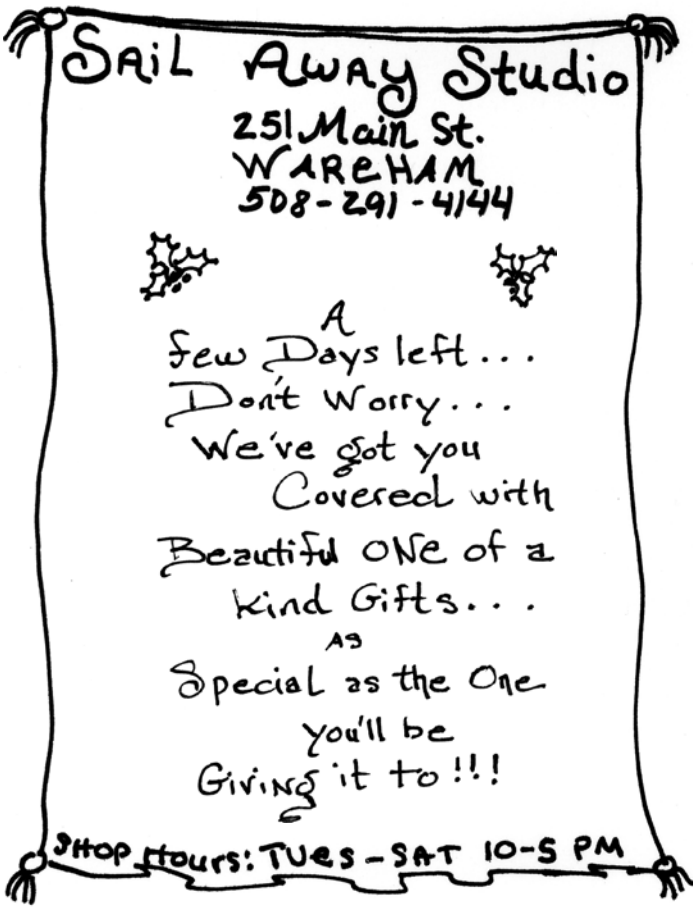
"I don't think there is anything 100 percent foolproof," commented Selectman Stephen Cushing.

"I think the harbormaster and marine resources committee thoroughly vetted this. I don't think there are any issues here," weighed in Mr. Dawson.

In the end, Selectmen Henry deferred to the rest of the board and voted in favor of the changes.

Also at the meeting, the board appointed Joshua Morgan as a full time EMS and formally appointed the following members of the Fire Department to join the EMS family: Allen Denham, Brooks Wilson, Michael Bentz, Joseph Dayton, Jason Denham, Joshua Denham Joshua Fardy, Eric Fichtenmayer, James Monteiro, Adam Murphy, Scott Shippey, and Matthew Van Deusen.

The Selectmen also postponed the appointment of four citizens at large to join the forthcoming Town House Advisory Committee to allow them more time to vet the applications. Mr. Dawson said the committee would look at how to best proceed with renovations to the Town House, with expansion plans considered by the Council



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In addition to the four citizens, the advisory committee will include members for the Finance Committee, Planning Board and Capital Improvement Committee.

In other business discussed at the meeting:

• The board asked Mr. Dawson to work with Recreation Director Jodie Dickerson on forming a collaboration with University of Massachusetts Dartmouth engineering students to draft designs to rework Washburn Road. The Recreation Director had requested to use road shavings available from the town to pack in potholes and even out the road, but Selectman Henry said the lack of a solid subgrade requires more extensive and thorough engineering. "If you put stuff on it, it will just wash away," he said.

• The Town Administrator also took a moment to explain blue tags placed by NSTAR on trees at Point and Delano Roads. He said they do not necessarily signify that a tree is coming down, but is part of NSTAR's vegetation management plan to prune back trees in February and March.

• The board discussed working with DPW Superintendent Rob Zora on assessing the conditions of roads and sidewalks throughout the town.

Mediation Rejected on Tabor's ZBA Issues

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

Town counsel Jon Whitten told the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals, at their meeting on Thursday evening, that in a pre-trial conference, Land Court Judge Piper suggested the Town of Marion and Tabor Academy enter into mediation to settle the ongoing unsettled issues which include Tabor's request for lights and scoreboards on their new turf fields and Tabor's objection of the town's request for a site plan review.

Atty. Whitten said that if the ZBA was interested in mediation that the team would include representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and the ZBA. The mediator would, after hearing from all sides,

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Atty. Whitten said that it was his duty to relay Judge Piper's suggestion to the ZBA. "This is a suggestion by a judge whose duty it is to try to resolve legal issues," said Atty. Whitten.

Board members unanimously rejected the idea of mediation. "These are facts and a matter of law… if it's non-conforming, it's not happening," said Chairman Bob Wedge.

The discussion included taking a look at the wording of the Dover Amendment which exempts schools and other non-profits from conforming to local by-laws if the issue is paramount to the educational effort of the institution.

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"To say that lights would be dominant to the education of the students… that's a stretch," said Chairman Wedge.

The board voted unanimously to uphold the building inspector's denial of the building permit for the three scoreboards. In discussion, Atty. Whitten noted that there were three issues at hand, which he hoped would be combined into one case, which would include the site plan review issue, lights at the field and the scoreboard issue. The backstops were also discussed, with it noted that they would need to meet a 20-foot setback required by town by-laws.

It was noted that Tabor Academy was recently cited as being in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act for the lack of handicap access to the newly constructed turf fields.

No representatives from Tabor Academy attended the the meeting. The public hearing was attended by several town residents who asked questions and vocally opposed the approval of the special permit to Tabor Academy.

In a second agenda item, the board met with Jay Hiller and Heather Dudko who requested a special permit for a new sign, care of National Sign Corporation/ Hiller Chrysler Dodge, at 635 Mill Street. Ms. Dudko, representing National Sign spoke to the board and said that a special permit was requested in early November.

Chairman Wedge said that both the Board of Health and Conservation Commission had no comment on the request and that no letters from the community had been received.

Ms. Dudko said that the request was for one ground sign which would be 34 square feet in total and 18 foot high. It would be an illuminated sign, in an aluminum box with the four brands shown, in different colors. "We are trying to bring the brand into conformity across the country," said Ms. Dudko.

The four brands include: Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram. Five wall signs will also be installed on the building, replacing the Hiller Dodge sign that has been there for decades. Another sign will note the entrance to the service area. The total square footage of the wall

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signs is 43 square feet and will not be illuminated. The board approved the request, with the special permit to be recorded on the deed of the landholder.

Town counsel, Jon Witten, spoke and said that an Agreement for Judgment had been worked out regarding Sardinha vs. Marion ZBA with respect to the site plan pertaining to property located at 454 Wareham Street. Mr. Whitten was authorized by the ZBA to settle the case on their behalf. Board members signed the documents.

ConCom Needs to "Digest" Revised 40B

Marion Conservation Commission

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

Four Bay Watch Realty representatives presented their sophisticated and revised plan for a 96-unit development near Route 105 and Route 6 at a Marion Conservation Commission meeting on December 14.

The plan showed two, 30-unit apartment buildings, positioned south, toward Route 105, housing 60 units in total, in one area of the parcel, which was declared "affordable housing" and the remaining 36 homes, situated north in the parcel in an area beyond the apartments.

When asked about the proposed cost of the apartments or houses, the representatives said that the issue was not in the purview of the Conservation Commission.

When asked about the proposed Marion Pathway/Bike path that was proposed to "snake" its way through or alongside the complex, representatives from Bay Watch said that "it was a not conservation commission issue". The plan presented did not show a pathway/stroller/bikeway area into or out of the complex where as many as 250 people might live.

"We don't want another continuance," said Mr. Millen, "we want to conclude this part of the process."

When Mr. Millen and James Holding spoke, they asked if the Marion Conservation Commission board had looked at the revised plans.

"We have not seen them... when did you send them?" asked Wendy Carreau.

"We sent them this week," replied Mr. Millen.

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Each board member looked among themselves, and concluded that none had received the plans that were to be discussed that evening.

Board member Norman Hills said that the board needed time to "digest" the new proposal and possibly get a peer review of the effects of the changes proposed.

Bay Watch Realty representatives questioned whether there was any money left in the Marion project to afford another peer review. Mr. Hills, of the board, said that he felt that it was needed, "because this is a totally different proposal" than the one that was originally proposed.

"What about the wildlife that now crosses that area and has crossed it for decades?" asked Mr. Hills.

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Bay Watch Realty Trust representative Mr. Millen thought for a moment and replied... "we only addressed the wetlands issue and the vernal pools in the parcel."

Board members looked among themselves and said that the neighbors abutting the property would have to deal with the deer and other wildlife that travel over the land.

Board members looked at the proposal and told Bay Watch Realty representatives that they needed time to review the new proposal and possibly have a peer review of the new plans.

"We want to conclude this project and go forward," said Mr. Millen repeated.

The board agreed to continue the hearing until December 28 at 7:30 pm and reserved time for a continued hearing, if needed, on January 11, 2012.

In other business, the board reviewed a Request for Determination for Jeffery and Cheryl Faria, 53 Oakdale Avenue to reconstruct a 13-foot by 20.5-foot shed on an existing slab with stairs to access the upper storage level.

"You know that this unit can never be habitable," said member Norman Hills.

The board approved the request for the new shed with three conditions including that the area cannot be fertilized, thereby eliminating any nitrates entering the waterway, that the boat removal and entry must be over the rocks on the property thereby eliminating

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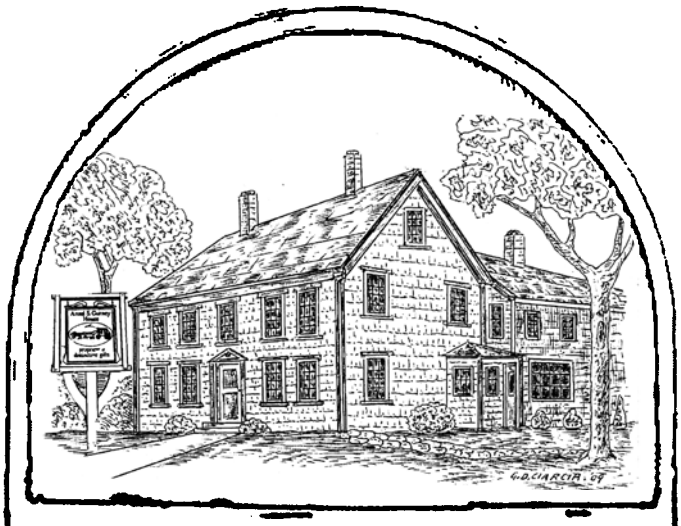
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disturbance of the wetlands and that the existing metal shed be demolished, because existing storage will be accommodated in the new shed.

Next up was a Request for Determination for Fannie Mae at 693 Front Street for an after-the-fact filling to replace a leaking septic tank. Mr. Briggs had recently visited the site and found that there was no vegetation on the site but that the recent repair, along with rocks and "seed and straw", meaning hay bales on the driveway area would put the property back on the market.

"If we didn't agree that the owner could repair the damage and get it back on the market, the property would soon be buried in snow... let's have them sell it and move on," said Chairman Briggs.

Pico Beach Hearing Postponed

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

Citing a procedural issue regarding proper notice to abutters and the public, the Mattapoisett Planning Board agreed not to vote on a request by Diane D'Orlando for approval of a repetitive petition in their meeting on Monday evening.

A repetitive action meant that the applicant was presenting revised plans of a building project that was rejected by the Zoning Board of Appeals on November 17.

The applicant, represented by Doug Schneider of Schneider Associates, asked the board to find that specific and material changes in conditions had been made on the project, located at 52 Pico Beach Road.

The applicant proposes to tear down the existing 1100 square foot home, which is on columns, and replace it with a two-story home at 2200 square feet, thereby doubling the size of the home and raising it up another story higher.

Abutter Heather Hobler was represented by attorney Marc Deshaies, who told the board that there wasn't adequate notice given to the public or the abutters and that it was the first time he and his client had the opportunity to view the revised plans.

After Mr. Schneider presented the plans to the board, Atty. Deshaies told the board that he believed that

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proper notice had not been given.

"We're still packing 10 pounds of matter into a five-pound can," said Atty. Deshaies after viewing the plans.

The plans that were rejected by the ZBA had been revised and resubmitted to the Planning Board for their approval. Several abutters attended the meeting and expressed opposition to the resubmitted proposal. The board agreed to re-publicize the notice and rescheduled the hearing for February 6 at 7:00 pm.

In other business, the board heard from Steve Johansen on an informal decision on a petition and application of Brandt Island Realty Trust. The issue involved a subdivision that required a fee of $1200 per house lot to kept in reserve to be used as a maintenance or emergency fund for the concrete cast structures for each lot. Mr. Johansen wanted the board to clarify and vote on how the monies were to be held in escrow. The board agreed that the funds would be held by the homeowners association and that a yearly update would be given to the Planning Board.

The board noted that they needed an additional board member and that if anyone from the town was interested in running to fill the position they should get the papers from town hall.

ORR Will Not Pursue Uniforms

ORR School Committee

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Neither the school committee nor the junior high or high school principals expressed interest in pursuing mandatory school uniforms or a strict dress code at the Old Rochester Regional campus.

At the request of Marion resident Gary Powers, the ORR School Committee entertained an agenda item at its December 14 meeting to discuss a new uniform requirement. In an email to school officials, Mr. Powers said the recent exploration of a stricter dress code at Sippican Elementary School might be "a more appropriate subject" for ORR Junior High and School – where students face stronger pressure to fit in.

Mr. Powers explained his view of the positives,

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namely that uniforms would remove pressure to buy the latest and more expensive fashions, help maintain social equality, place less emphasis on looks and more on character, remove some distractions from study, and build team spirit.

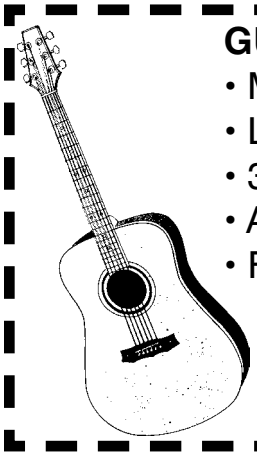
Both Junior High and High School Principals Kevin Brogioli and Michael Devoll conceded that Mr. Powers made valid points, but neither felt the idea was worth further consideration.

"All the points are good points, but it would be a dramatic change in the culture of the building. There would be a push back from parents – and students, students, students," said Mr. Devoll. He said the dress code already in place is difficult to police, and that the school nurse helps communicate to students when they are in violation.

For example, Mr. Devoll said students cannot wear spaghetti straps – but tank tops are allowed– thus enforcement can be tricky.

Senior Walker Fuchs of the Student Council took a moment to weigh in as well. "I can speak on behalf on the students and say they would be staunchly opposed to this," he said. "It is a great thing we got, expression of oneself through clothing. It would be pretty much hated."

Committee Chairman Peter Bangs – who is a high school teacher in another district – said there is validity behind Mr. Power's message but leaned toward maintaining student expression. "There might be good



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reasons uniforms can be helpful, but you would have to balance that with student choice and the ability to express oneself," he said.

The committee opted not to second a motion for mandatory uniforms, but Mr. Devoll agreed with committee member Robin Rounseville that the current dress code should be revisited.

In other items discussed at the meeting, Director of Food Services Caitlyn Meagher said a new policy the committee approved last month to get students to pay for their lunch debts is making an impact.

Last month, the committee voted to limit how much students can charge to their NutriKids account, a point-of-sale system that allows kids to buy lunch with a four-digit code. Essentially they had voted that any students who had more than three unpaid lunches could not charge an additional one, but would be offered a cheese or peanut butter sandwich and milk for 50 cents.

Ms. Meagher said many payments came in the first week the policy became effective, and now the $1,181 debt has been whittled down to "somewhere in the $800 range."

She said no parents have complained about the policy, and that only a handful of students have taken up the offer for a cheese or peanut butter sandwich, but mostly they have declined. Ms. Meagher said she plans "to the more on top of the situation" for next year – including assuring eligible kids get on the free and

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In other food service notes, she said the program continues to bring in a significantly higher profit than last year – with $8,490 for ORR this past November compared to $6,522 in November 2010. The program saw 647 additional meals purchased this October compared to last year, although October 2010 was one operating school day shorter.

Ms. Meagher said school lunch participation increased to 54 percent in October, but then dropped to 51 percent the following month. "I was a little too aggressive on new menu items, there were too many changes in one month. In December I plan to go back to more comfortable items," she said.

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In financial business, Business Administrator said that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified that as of July 1, 2011, $1,000,793 was the amount of excess and deficiency for ORR. Already $467,662 of these monies is committed towards this year's budget.

Superintendent Doug White explained that E and D is like free cash for a town, and ensures that schools can handle unanticipated costs. The E and D amount is based on many factors, including ORR's revenue streams from fees, School Choice, etc as well as revolving accounts, but the district cannot spend it until the state certifies it.

In other business:

• The school committee approved Mattapoisett-based New Beginnings as its contractor for snow removal.

• The committee formally approved a donation from committee member Thomas Shire of a framed copy of the United Nations Charter, as well as booklets containing the Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Gettysburg address for distribution to ORR students.

• The board approved the acceptance of a $2,500 grant obtained by Director of Students Services Teresa Hamm for anti-bullying curriculum materials.

Latin Program Experiences Pompeii

ORR School Report

By Anne Smith

About 100 students from Old Rochester Regional High School (a number that includes nearly all of the students from the Latin program of study in the foreign language department) took a field trip to the Museum of Science in Boston on Friday, December 16.

The all-day field trip brought students to the new exhibit about Pompeii, entitled "A Day in Pompeii." Students attending the trip came from all levels of Latin class, ranging from introductory Latin I to Honors Latin V,

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and all were very familiar with the story of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the imminent destruction of Pompeii and lesser-known Herculaneum in A.D. 79.

A staple video from the Honors Latin II class was used by the entire language program a few weeks prior to the trip in order to show students what the eruption would have been like from the vantage point of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and nearby Misenum, a city and naval base from where Roman citizen Pliny the Younger had observed the eruption. Pliny the Younger wrote letters throughout his life, and it is from one of these letters that posterity has a description of the eruption as it progressed — a description that has helped archeologists and volcanologists determine the nature of explosive volcanic eruptions.

From this video, students also learned about different artifacts that have been recovered from Pompeii and Herculaneum — for example, there is a gold snake bracelet that had been given to a slave woman by her master — that appeared at the exhibit in Boston. While the exhibit did have plaques that explained where the artifact came from (identifying the owners of villas in Pompeii), the video brought those people to life.

The exhibit was divided into different categories. First, students got to look at the art and culture of Pompeii. There were four or five large frescoes reconstructed on the walls of the exhibit. One of them was the entire back wall of what would have been an outdoor dining room in a villa's garden. There were also numerous statues of gods and goddesses, including several of the god of wine, Bacchus. Near this section of the exhibit, there was a video playing that talked about everyday life in Pompeii, focusing mainly on the baths and laundry. Many students and chaperones were shocked to learn that the Romans actually used urine (because of the natural ammonia content) to bleach clothes.

The next section of the exhibit was on home life, and contained many cooking utensils and a few braziers, as well as the frame of a couch used in the dining rooms of the villas. One case contained various carbonized foodstuffs, including a carbonized loaf of bread that had been found in an oven at a bakery in Pompeii. The Latin

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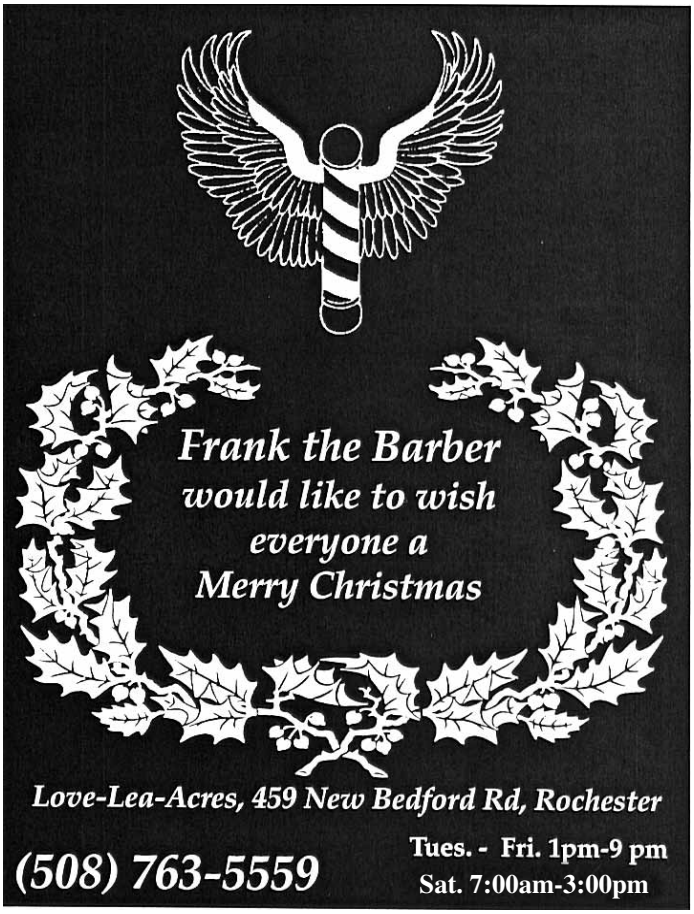
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The third section of the exhibit took on a somber feel, as it contained the body casts — and this is the section in which the students from Old Rochester Regional spent the most amount of time. There are truly no words to describe the experience of seeing these casts. One thing that is worth noting, though, is that the Romans were incredibly short compared to modern standards. That doesn't generally come across when one looks at a picture of the casts.

The last section of the exhibit focused on religion, and mainly contained various sculptures of the Roman gods and goddesses. Following this section of the exhibit, the students re-entered the rest of the Museum by walking across a giant map of the world with labels for all of the active volcanoes.

At 11:00 am, the students from Old Rochester Regional journeyed to another part of the Museum for the purpose of watching a demonstration entitled "Vesuvius: Story of an Eruption." In this demonstration, students got to watch a video about the letter that Pliny the Younger wrote, and then got an explanation of the science behind the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Students mainly learned about the difference between effusive and explosive volcanic eruptions, and what makes an explosive volcanic eruption so dangerous.

Bulldogs Dominate at Holiday Relay

Sports Shorts

By India Krawczyk

Old Rochester Boys and Girls Track – The teams competed in their second meet this week, each emerging with wins against Case and Bourne High School. For the girls, **Ally Saccone** won both the hurdles and the high jump. The ORR distance girls also swept the two-mile, with **Katie Sethares**, **Jess Belliveau**, and **Jill Sethares** all scoring points for the team. In the boy's meet, **David Friedman** and **Nick Pacheco** took the top two spots in the

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mile, and **Dan Donohue** dominated at the three-hundred.

On Saturday, the SCC Holiday Relays took place at the Voc Tech Field house, and the Bulldogs once again came out on top winning for the big schools on both the boys and girls sides. Highlights of the meet included the girls 50-meter dash relay composed of **Morgan DaSilva**, **Ally Saccone**, **Hannah Walsh**, and **Kristen Fuller** tying the meet record set last year set by the same team, with the exception of Fuller whose spot was previously covered by **Kirsten Dessert**. The boys showed an excellent 4X800 meter relay made up of **David Friedman**, **Mike Wyman**, **Nick Pacheco**, and **Connor Medeiros-Sweet** that took the top spot in the boy's meet.

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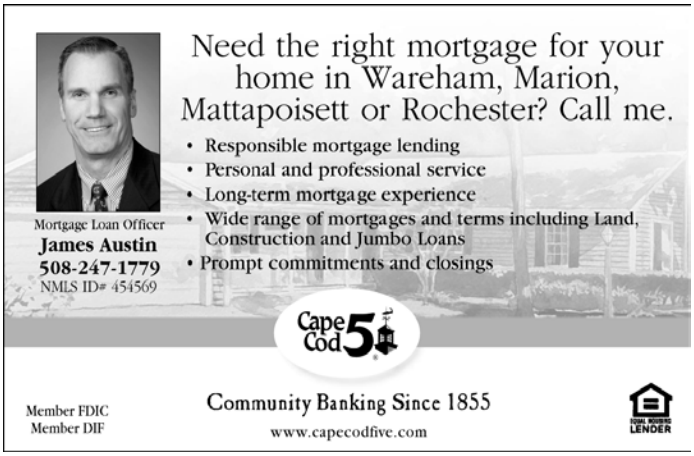
Old Rochester Girls Basketball – The girls began their competitive season in the inaugural ORR hall of Fame Tournament with an unfortunate loss against the New Bedford Whalers 52-26. The girls, despite their less than optimal performance, did have some standout moments with junior captain **Abby Offringa** scoring 8 points total and **Katie Wilbur** scoring 5. The team, which has no seniors this year, next faces Apponequet High School.

Old Rochester Boys Basketball – The boy's team achieved a win this week in their first game against Bishop Stang High School. The Bulldogs won 83-73 in overtime when **Biruk Legasse** scored a three pointer in the last seconds of the game. **Max Risch** and **Brendan Parker** also had a good night, helping the team to its victory with a contribution of 35 and 15 points respectively. Next up for the boys is Apponequet High School.

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Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding a Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our **February 2** issue. The winner will also receive a new iPod touch.

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable: photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in *The Wanderer* office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 20.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover. All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form, which can be picked up at *The Wanderer* office or downloaded at www.Wanderer.com.

Voting will start on January 21, and will end at 8:00 pm on January 30. To vote, visit our web page at www.Wanderer.com. The winning artwork will be on the cover of our February 2, 2012 issue.

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Congratulations to Senior **Connor Bailey** of Mattapoisett, who was selected by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff to be the December Student of the Month. Connor has a positive attitude towards school work, teachers and other students. He is active in school sports, demonstrates leadership on and off the field and was also chosen for Student Government Day. Besides being active in school sports, he stays involved in community service. His positive attitude makes him a good representative for ORR.

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• Early Fireworks (9:00 pm) in Custom House Square.

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For a full list of New Year's offerings, including schedule and activity locations, visit www.AHAnewbedford.org.

EMS Seeks On-Call Staff

The Emergency Medical Services of the Town of Marion is seeking to recruit area residents who would like the opportunity to help their local neighbors and guests in their time of distress. Members of Marion EMS are "on-call" staff who respond to emergencies as needed and are compensated on an hourly basis. Marion EMS is a small, but dedicated, group of professional care providers that operate two ALS ambulances. For an application, you may (1) download off the Town's web site under EMS; (2) call Chief Thomas Joyce at 508-748-3596; or (3) e-mail: tjoyce@marionma.gov.

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Because of the small size of the department, officers handle many of their own cases from start to finish. This allows officers the opportunity to participate in investigations, write and serve warrants, and make arrests as a result of their own work.

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Details and eligibility requirements are provided on the Police Exam Solutions website: www.policeexamsolutions.com. If there is a specific question that has not been addressed there, submit an email to info@policeexamsolutions.com. Any calls made directly to the Rochester Police Department or Police Exam Solutions, may disqualify you from being hired.

Perhaps you know someone who is thinking of getting involved in law enforcement. This is a great opportunity for them to participate in the entry level testing process and possibly earn a career in law enforcement.

If you or anyone you know would like further information on this upcoming exam, please visit www.PoliceExamSolutions.com. All registrations must be done online.

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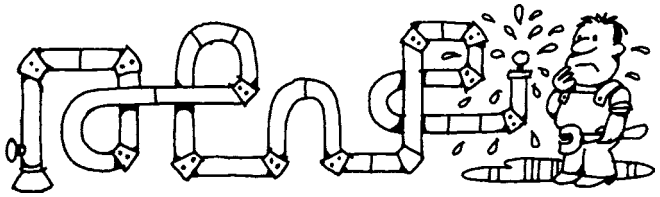

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Yoga classes for adults will resume on Saturday, **January 7** beginning at 8:45 am. The six-week series fee is $60.

Both classes are limited to ten, so call soon if you are interested. Register by calling Marsha at 508-322-0998. These classes are being offered as a fundraiser for the club.

Land Trust Announce Acquisition

Mattapoisett Land Trust Press Release

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is pleased to announce that it has received a generous donation from Jeannette Mello of seven acres of woods and wetland next to the bike path at Brandt Island Road. The parcel will be known as the Captain Jack and Bridget Murray Preserve in honor of her parents.

The proximity of the preserve to the bike path will provide easy access for visitors, both young and old, to investigate the flora and fauna of the wetland. The Land Trust hopes to document the resident species and, if possible, certify a vernal pool on the preserve in the future. The public is welcome to visit the preserve but rubber boots are recommended until the ground freezes.

This donation increases the Land Trust's holdings in Mattapoisett to 568 acres all of which are open to the public for passive recreation. Those interested in learning more about the properties or the mission of the Mattapoisett Land Trust should visit its website at www.MattLandTrust.org.

Hathaway Pond Restoration to Begin

Agreement Made Between Parties

Buzzard's Bay Coalition & Beaton's Press Release

Beaton's, Inc. and the Buzzards Bay Coalition reached an agreement on December 15 regarding the future management of the Hathaway Pond Dam in Rochester.

The Coalition acquired the dam and the 10- acre parcel that it sits on in May 2011 in order to protect and

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open the land for public use and to remove the dam to restore fish passage and the health of the Sippican River.

Beaton's, Inc. uses Hathaway Pond as an agricultural water source to serve 55 acres of cranberry bogs and holds property rights to maintain the dam.

In the agreement, the two entities agreed to work together in the coming years to secure a sustainable water supply for Beaton's, Inc.'s cranberry bogs and move forward with efforts to restore fish passage and natural resources in the Sippican River.

Under the agreement the following outcomes will be pursued:

• The Coalition will suspend its permitting of the removal of Hathaway Pond Dam and water will be returned to Hathaway Pond to a height sufficient to provide water for agricultural use at Beaton's cranberry bogs.

• The Coalition will convey the dam parcel to Beaton's, Inc. and a permanent conservation restriction will be recorded on the property, ensuring that the land remains undeveloped and open to the public for walking and horseback riding.

• A fish ladder will be designed and installed within the main sluiceway of the Dam, improving the conditions for the migration of river herring upstream for spawning.

• The Coalition and Beaton's will collaborate on the construction of a new water supply reservoir



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system on Beaton's property to provide a permanent and sustainable source of water for the bogs. Upon successful completion of a new reservoir system, which is anticipated to take more than a decade, the Coalition will have the option to re-acquire the dam from Beaton's and reactivate its plans for removal.

Doug Beaton of Beaton's, Inc. remarked, "I am pleased that Hathaway Pond will be restored while we evaluate options for a long- term sustainable water source. Outside of the marketplace, the number one issue that will determine the future of the cranberry industry in Massachusetts is access to water."

"This agreement is a win- win for cranberry farming and the Sippican River," commented Coalition President Mark Rasmussen. "It lays out a clear path for how the water source for Beaton's bogs can be improved while at the same time advancing river restoration. We're excited about moving this complex project forward in partnership with Beaton's."

Beatons and the Coalition were assisted in the development of the Agreement by Jeff Lafleur of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association.

SOLE Seeks Donations

SOLE (Students Organizing Labor Equality) is a student run club at ORRHS. A division of the United Students Against Sweatshops, SOLE works to promote fair trade practices and USA made products within the high school and community. Last year SOLE was able to purchase fair trade soccer balls for the boys' soccer team. This year, SOLE is trying to raise enough money this year to do the same for the girls' team.

The school will be holding a technology drive to raise money from **January 4** to **January 19**. Below is a list of used items that would be accepted for donations:

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Transfer Station Holiday Hours

On Christmas Eve, the Mattapoisett transfer station will be open until 12:00 noon. The week of **December 26**, the station will be open Thursday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Machacam January Meeting

The Machacam Club will hold its January meeting on the **January 4** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Carol "Krill" Carson, a Professor of Marine Biology at Bridgewater State College. Carol is also the President of the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, a volunteer, nonprofit dedicated to the protection and conservation of the coastal marine wildlife that call our New England Coasts home. NECWA provides data and educational programs to other professional and public entities on Basking Sharks and Sunfish. Carol's topic for meeting involves the maintenance of a standing response team for stranded Sunfish on our shores which occur each fall.

What do you do with a 7-foot, 600-pound fish that strands on a beach? All reports of her presentation have been extremely positive making this meeting a definite "Don't Miss" for Machacam members.

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Please report your lists not later than 9:00 pm on January 2 by calling 508-758-9311 or e-mail gpfnr@aol.com. Members may make last minute changes by calling the same phone number or e-mail no later than 9:00 am on January 3.

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For more information contact 508-758-2671 or mattcong@verizon.net.

Community Baptist Christmas Services

Community Baptist Church of Marion invites you to come to the Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm for a service of Candles and Carols. At this kid-friendly service celebrating the birth of the Christ child, there will be traditional Christmas Carols of the season and sharing the scriptures that celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

On Sunday, **December 25** at 10:30 am, the Church will celebrate Christmas at a weekly worship service. Come discover the true meaning of Christmas with a warm, friendly congregation.

Community Baptist Church of Marion is an American Baptist Church that opens its doors to all who seek to learn about the Christian Faith. The Church is a small, friendly congregation with a very large faith. The church is located at 441 Front Street, Marion. For further information about the church, visit www.cbcmarion.org.

Christmas Swim to Benefit HHH

After opening presents why not come out and support a great cause by taking a quick dip in the ocean? Helping Hands and Hooves (HHH) will host the 11th annual Christmas Day Swim at 11:00 am at the Mattapoisett Town Beach.

Each swimmer is asked to give a donation of $15 (payable on the day of the swim) and the first 75 swimmers will receive a festive long sleeve t-shirt. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to Helping Hands and Hooves, a non-profit (based in Mattapoisett) that is dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding lessons for adults with disabilities.

If you would like to learn more about Helping Hands and Hooves go to our website at www.helpinghandsandhooves.org. If you have any questions, please call Debbi Dyson at 508-758-4717.

Mattapoisett Museum Curator Named

The Mattapoisett Historical Society is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Hutchinson as curator of the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street. She will replace retiring Bette Roberts who announced her plans to retire at the annual meeting of the Society this past September.

Ms. Hutchinson is well qualified, having served in various capacities at the South Street Seaport Museum in New York City, the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut and

Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. She is also a certified teacher and taught for six years at the Wheeler School in Providence. She is a 1997 graduate of Fordham University with a BA in history followed by a Master's in Education from Fordham. She and her husband and their two children live in Mattapoisett.

In commenting on Ms. Hutchinson's appointment, Seth Mendell, President of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, said: "The Museum is fortunate to have someone who's resume includes history, teaching and museum experience. We all look forward to working with [Ms. Hutchinson] as the Museum fulfills its mission of preserving the past for the benefit of the future."

ORR Hall of Fame Applications Sought

Applications are now being accepted for the Old Rochester Regional Athletic Hall of Fame. Applications will be accepted until **January 1**, 2012.

The ORR Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2011 to celebrate 50 years of athletic excellence at ORRHS and to honor alumni and coaches who represented the school with class, dignity, sportsmanship and distinction. There are a minimum of three and a maximum of five inductees each year.

To be eligible, athletes must have attended ORRHS for a minimum of two years and must have graduated 10 years ago or more. Coaches, faculty and administrators are eligible five years after their leaving their rank.

The application, which contains all requirements for nominations, is available at www.OldRochester.org. For more information, e-mail halloffame@ORRathletics.com

From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

• **Hunting and Fishing Licenses** – Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife will no longer be printing paper licenses. They will not have to be accessed online and printed out. The website is www.sport.state.ma.us. Since Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife weren't underwriting the costs of paper, color toner, or printers, and were insisting on access to our towns' bank accounts

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• **Mooring Inspection/Mooring Excise Tax** – If your mooring number is preceded by a letter (A-H), you should have received a letter and a mooring inspection form in the mail. The form must be on file in the Town Clerk's office before your 2012 payment will be accepted. Please be sure the form has been signed and dated before returning it. If per chance you did not receive this letter and form, please call the Clerk's office and one will be sent to you or if able, stop by and pick up the form. All excise taxes must be paid before your 2012 sticker and mooring/wharf or skiff payments will be accepted.

• **2012 Presidential Election Year** – College Students - Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office. As soon as college students know their college address, they should stop by and fill in an application so that we can send them a ballot as soon as they are available in 2012. A parent may also file this form for them. Ballots cannot be picked up (unless you are voting in person, here in the office) they must be mailed. All instructions will be sent with the ballot. A parent or immediate family member may return the ballot to us, but it must be sent via the mail. If you have any question please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4103 ext. 2

Showstoppers Dinner for 2 Fundraiser

Give the gift that lasts all year long, and help a not-for-profit organization at the same time. During this holiday season and throughout the month of January, Showstoppers community-service singing troupe will be selling the Dinner For Two Dining Books at the regular cost of $29.95. Ten dollars of the purchase price will go to the Showstoppers organization.

This year's book features $1500 in savings at establishments across Southeastern Mass, including Cape Cod, as well as Newport and Providence. Each of the 100-plus "buy one, get one free" coupons is good through December 30, 2012.

To purchase a book, or for more information about Showstoppers, please call 508-758-4525 or email info@showstoppers.us.

Heritage Committee Members Needed

The Heritage Days Committee appreciates all the positive responses have received from Mattapoisett residents and guests who have enjoyed Heritage summer programs. The committee has had the pleasure of planning these events for several years – however, committee numbers have decreased. For another Heritage Weekend Celebration to happen, many energetic volunteers are needed to commit for at least one year to the planning, researching, and hosting of Heritage Days Activities. This involves monthly meetings between January and August to plan events. The process is exciting, a learning and sharing experience that can be very enjoyable and fulfilling.

An open meeting will be held on January 17 in the meeting room at the Mattapoisett Public Library, at 6:30 pm. Anyone who is willing to lend their ideas, talents and energy to bring about Heritage Days 2012, is welcome.

Please join if you have an interest in the cultural history of Mattapoisett and can commit for the 2012 season. Attendance at this meeting will determine if a program will be offered in 2012.

If you have further questions or concerns please contact Bobbi Gaspar. E-mail: theseamstress@verizon.net.

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Choir with pre-mass concert beginning 9:40pm

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Admission to Edaville's Festival of Lights includes the signature 20 minute train ride through the decorated cranberry bogs as well as unlimited use of all the rides and play spaces. So bundle up the family and head on over to Edaville for some old fashioned Christmas fun. And help a good cause while you are at it!

Center is now accepting registrations for its Winter-Spring classes. A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the visual and performing arts, the Marion Art Center has been offering classes to children for over 25 years and is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion. Members of the Marion Art Center are offered a discount on tuition for all classes except piano. For more information about all the classes offered, please call 508-748-1266.

• **Monday Dance Academy** – Monday Dance Academy includes classical dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and basic tumbling. Preschool (age 3 to 4) will meet from 4:30 to 5:00 and tuition is $135/$150; Kinderstep (age 5) will meet from 5:00 to 5:45 and tuition is $150/$165; Beginner (age 6 to 7) will meet from 5:45 to 6:30 and tuition is $150/$165. Classes start week of **February 6**. Teah Johnson is instructor.

• **Wednesday Dance Academy** – Wednesday Dance Academy includes Intermediate (age 8 - 12) 5:30 to 6:15, $150/$165; classical dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and basic tumbling as well as Hip Hop I (age 6 - 9) 4:30 – 5:00 $135/$150; Gymnastics (age 6 to 12) 5:00 to 5:30 $135/$150; Hip Hop II (age 6 to 12) 6:15 – 6:45 $135/$150. Dancers may add another class for an extra $85. Classes start week of **February 6**. Teah Johnson is instructor.

• **Little People's Theatre** – The Little People's Theatre (ages 5 to 9) meets on Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30. Session III is December 6 to January 17. Session IV is January 24 to March 6; Session V is March 13 to April 24 and Session VI is May 1 to June 9. Each week, the children will learn basic theater craft through drama games, readers' theater and experience the fun of the stage while rehearsing for a small production to be performed the last week of each session. Nancy Sparklin is the instructor. Nancy is the Director of MAC's summer art program "ArtStart" and has been the Musical Director and accompanist for many shows both at MAC and around the community. The fee for each six-week session is $75/$90.

• **Young People's Theatre** – The Young People's Theatre (ages 10 to 14) will meet on Thursdays, 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The 10-week program starts **January 26**. Students will learn basic theater craft through the process of putting on a production. Kimberly Teves, instructor. The fee for the 10-week session is $160/175.

• **Junior Show Choir** – The Junior Show Choir (ages 7 to 12) will meet on Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30. The 10-week session will start **January 25**. This choral program offers group vocal instruction, rehearsing and performing in a staged medley with emphasis on dance-type movement combined with choral singing. Vocal Instructor: Cassandra Morgan; Music Accompanist: Jamie Wiksten; Dance Instructor: Jill Foye. Fee: $150 for MAC members/$165 for non-members.

• **Piano Lessons** – Piano lessons for preschoolers are offered by appointment on Friday mornings. Jamie Wiksten, is the instructor. For more information, call 508-295-0379 or e-mail jwiksten@verizon.net. Private piano lessons for beginners and intermediates are offered by appointment with Nancy Sparklin, instructor – 508-763-2327.

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• **Call for Artists**: The Marion Art Center invites artists to submit work for an exhibition and sale entitled "Images: The Lands of the Sippican Lands Trust". The exhibition will run from October 5 to November 10, 2012.

Maps of the trails for the Sippican Lands Trust properties may be picked up at the Lands Trust offices at 354 Front Street in Marion, or visit their website at: www.SippicanLandsTrust.org.

For more information or to register for participation, please call the Marion Art Center: 508-748-1266, or email: marionartcenter@verizon.net.

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• **Open Auditions**: Open auditions for *Romantic Fools*, a comic vaudeville by Rich Orloff, will take place on Sunday, **January 8** at 4:00 pm and Monday, **January 9** at 7:00 pm. The play requires 11 males and 11 females.

The 11 two-character comedies examine love, lust, dating, and romance – from a date with a caveman to the joys of dull sex. With influences of Monty Python, Saturday Night Live, Jules Feiffer, the Marx Brothers, and classic vaudeville comedy, these sketches vary in style, but all celebrate the inherent comedy of male-female relationships. The show will run on March 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24.

The Marion Art Center is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street (the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets) in Marion.

Memorial Plantings in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Tree Committee has recently completed two Memorial Tree plantings: a new Pin Oak tree at Center School and a "Winter King" Hawthorn tree at the Mattapoisett Landing. These Memorial trees have recently been planted to honor the loved ones of two Mattapoisett families.

The holiday is a wonderful time to donate to the Mattapoisett Tree Committee, for preserving and maintaining the tree canopy in Mattapoisett. Donations in any amounts can be made out to Town of Mattapoisett, PO Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA Attn: Tree Committee. For more information, please call Sandy Hering at 508-758-3008 or check the town web page and look for Tree Committee.

Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse

Registration is open for Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse, Spring 2012. Lacrosse is known as the fastest game on two feet! Sign up and join the fun. Tri-town girls and boys grades 1 through 8 are welcome. Please go to our website to register and for information: www.ORYLAX.com.

The deadline is **January 15**, 2012. Contact: info@orylax.com or amcintire@arm-co.com; Andrew McIntire at 508-758-3803 for more information. Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Recreation Department.

Mattapoisett Women's Club

MWC's Great Decisions Foreign Policy discussions begin **January 25**, 2012. The popular revolts and upheaval of the Arab Spring have radically changed the face of the Middle East. Come find out what lies ahead for the Middle East's transition to democracy as the Mattapoisett Women's Club offers the highly popular and thought provoking Great Decisions civic-education program of the Foreign Policy Association.

For discussions, the group will use the Great Decisions briefing book, which highlights eight of the

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Obituaries:

Patricia C. (Cruise) DiPasqua, 58, of Mattapoisett died Sunday December 18, 2011 while being lovingly embraced by her family and friends after a lengthy and courageous battle with lung cancer.

She was the loving wife of Leonard J. DiPasqua.

Patty was born in Brockton on December 9, 1953. She was the daughter of Kathryn (Orient) Cruise of Brockton and the late James P. Cruise, Sr. Raised in Brockton, she was a graduate of Brockton High School class of 1971 and later received her Associates Degree from Massasoit Community College. She had resided in Mattapoisett for the last 29 years.

Patty was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister.

She was employed as a secretary by William B. Muldoon, D.S.S. for many years.

Patty will be remembered by many for her friendship and quiet acts of love and kindness over the years.

Patty is survived by her devoted husband of 35 years, Leonard DiPasqua; her loving children, Albert J. DiPasqua and his wife Pamela of Whitman and James P. DiPasqua of Fairhaven; her two grandchildren, Halle and Dylan DiPasqua; her mother, Kathryn (Orient) Cruise; her two brothers, Thomas F. Cruise and his wife Kathy of Canton and James P. Cruise, Jr. of Brockton. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loyal cousins.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 11 AM in St. Anthony's Church, 22 Barstow St. Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours were Wednesday from 4-8 PM and Thursday from 4-8 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology c/o Dana Farber Cancer Institute 10 Brookline Pl. West 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02347. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Milestone section, please contact our office at : 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com. Included in the Milestone Section is Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement Notices, Wedding Notices, Anniversaries and Memorials.

most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. The publication provides background information, current data, and policy options for each of the eight issues and serves as the focal text for our discussions. Topics for 2012 include: Middle East realignment, Promoting democracy, Mexico, Cyber-security, Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, State of the Oceans, Indonesia, and Energy geopolitics.

Great Decisions meets once a week on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm beginning **January 25**, 2012 in the lower meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The expected ending date is March 14. A snow date would extend the meetings to March 21.

For more information contact co-chairs: Ellen P. Flynn at 508-758-1312 or Eileen Marum at 508-758-9751.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **Winter Storytimes** – Registration will begin for the Winter Storytime series on **December 27**. New this session will be the addition of a Thursday afternoon preschool session instead of the Thursday morning session. For more information, call the Children's Department at 508-758-4171.

• **Community Cafe** – Your library is a comfortable community center. Thanks to the Friends, you can drop by and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea for a small donation. Visit the reading room to relax and converse with friends. What a great way to spend a winter afternoon!

• **Family Storytime** – Families with children of all ages are welcome to enjoy some favorite stories together. If you have a favorite story, please bring it to share in this casual and fun storytime. Family Storytime is held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:30 to 11:00 am. No registration required.

• **Movie Day** – Everyone is welcome to attend Movie Days, sponsored by the library's Junior Friends, who have raised money for a movie license. Bring your children and relax at the movies in the library's Meeting Room. Wednesday, **December 28** will be *Polar Express* at 1:00 pm and at 3:30 pm, *Elf* will be shown. The Junior

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Editor's Pick of the Week

Sippican Historical Society Unveils Exhibits

By Shawn Sweet

The Sippican Historical Society recently unveiled a new exhibit featuring a portrait of Roald Amundsen by Cecil Clark Davis. The exhibit has several items featuring the work of Davis, as well a doll cropped with Davis' actual hair.



Davis, known to be one of Marion's most famous women artists, created the Amundsen portrait in 1916 in her Chicago studio. Although from Chicago, a young Davis became familiar with Marion, as she summered there staying at the Sippican Hotel. Davis wed in Marion's St. Gabriel's Chapel in 1899 and had a studio in her Marion cottage on Water Street as well. Davis died in September of 1955.

Amundsen, the subject of the featured portrait was a Norwegian explorer. He gained notoriety for being the first explorer to reach both the North and South poles. He was also the first to travel through Canada's Northwest Passage, a journey that spanned 3 years. While on a rescue mission in 1928, Amundsen disappeared after the plane he was traveling in crashed into the Arctic waters below.



Amundsen only briefly posed for the portrait, as he stayed two hours and never returned. In order to complete her portrait, Davis' friend Christian Abrahamson became the stand-in for Amundsen's body.

Davis' coveted work is featured throughout Marion's community. "Wendy Bidstrup at the Marion Art Center has Davis' diaries and several of Davis' paintings can be found at Tabor," said Pete Smith, the Society's Curator for over 20 years.

Also, currently being featured at the Sippican Historical Society is the Marconi Station exhibit. The station was a wireless telegraph station which handled all trans-Atlantic radio traffic. Constructed between 1910-1914 on 143 acres in the area of Rt. 6 and Rt. 105, it was powered by 14, 400 foot towers. Ultimately, it was demolished in 1960.

The Society is trying to incorporate 21st century technology in with their new exhibits. "We're now a genealogy reference point because we offer a database online. We've subscribed to the New England Historic Genealogical Society," said Kimberly Teves, the Society's Executive Director.

The Society functions as a vital part of Marion. "We want to be on the radar, a destination not only for tourists, but for locals as well. Our goal is to preserve Marion's rich past. People don't know why we are called Marion or what Sippican means, if they came to visit us, they'll find out. It's quite fascinating," said Ms. Teves..

Traffic flow for the Society varies. "We'll see the same faces walk by on a regular basis and then one day it will dawn on them that we are here and they'll pop in," said Ms. Teves. "Social media, such as Facebook, has been a great way for us to get the word out."

Exhibits at the Society change every six months to a year. "Two years ago we had a great exhibit on the Golden Age featuring influential local people in the arts and in politics. This spring we're going to offer a program on Marion's infamous Tar and Feather case. In the recent past, we've had educational programs on the Haunted History of New England and Elizabeth Tabor," said Mr. Smith.

"We obtain many artifacts through donation and others we purchase," said Mr. Smith. In typical curator fashion, Mr. Smith has donated his personal china collection to the Society, which is currently on display and housed in a glass case.

While Ms. Teves admits it can be difficult to draw an interest from the younger generation because they're not a hands-on museum, as the artifacts are susceptible to degradation, they do work with Sippican School and offer workshops. "The third grade comes in every year during their walking tour of Marion and it's a great introduction for many of them," said Ms. Teves.

Marion's Sippican Historical Society is located in the Walton Nye Ellis House on 139 Front St. For hours and information visit: www.SippicanHistoricalSociety.org.

Friends ask that you bring a canned good for donation to Damien's Pantry.

• **Winter Activities in the Children's Room** – On Saturday, **January 21**, 2012 there will be Snow Globe making from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come explore how science and art can blend together to create a lasting memory. Participants will sculpt their own winter scene and preserve it in individual hand-made globes.

• **Cookbooks For Sale** – The Friends' new community cookbook is available for sale at the library. It includes delicious recipes submitted by local chefs and cookbook authors as well as members of the Friends and library patrons. These will make great gifts while also supporting the work of the Friends. The books are $10 each.

• **Technology Workshops** – Confused about whether to buy a Nook or a Kindle? Wondering what all the hype about e-readers means to you? Do you have an iPad and want to learn how to download books form the library? Join the library staff at one of our informal technology workshops and get your questions answered. E-readers will be available to try and staff will show you how to download books and audiobooks. Workshops will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm and on Thursdays at 3:00 pm through the months of December and January. For an individual appointment with technology questions please call Liz Sherry at 508-758-4171 or email her at esherry@sailsinc.org.



• **Canned Goods for the Food Pantry** – The library is accepting nonperishables to help stock local food pantries. Feel free to bring you items to the library throughout the year. Also welcome are hats and gloves and new socks to be distributed to area shelters. Many thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness.

Plumb Library Events

• **Cafe Parlez** – Café Parlez selection for December is *The Princess Bride,* by William Goldman. Nearly everyone has seen the movie; now read the book! They're all here: Princess Buttercup, Westley, Fezzik, Miracle Max Vizzini, Prince Humpderdinck, Inigo Montoya –the whole gang. *The Princess Bride* is about



TriTown Happenings





Above: The Marion Police Brotherhood hosted a holiday dinner for seniors at the Marion Social Club on Saturday, December 17. From left to right: Marion Police Chief Lincoln Miller and Selectmen Stephen Cushing and Roger Blanchette enjoy some good conversation over a meal. Photo by Robert Chiarito.



Old Rochester eighth graders Holly Frink, Jared Wheeler and Evan Roznoy were selected to represent the Tri-Town as a part of "Project 531", a youth congress that will meet with Governor Deval Patrick on January 14, 2012. Photo by Laura Fedak Pedulli.

Above Left: (Left to right): retired officer George Pina, Sgt. Jeff Tripp, Officer Anthony DiCarlo, Police Chief Lincoln Miller, Officer Alishia Chandler and Sgt. Rich Nighelli of the Marion Police Brotherhood were on hand as the Brotherhood hosted a holiday dinner for seniors. Photo by Robert Chiarito.



The Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) holiday concert took place on December 15 at ORRJHS. Both band and chorus entertained the audience with old and new favorites. Photo by Shawn Sweet.

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good against evil, country against country, strange beasts, and love, true love. Fans of the movie will be delighted to read more back story and those new to the film will find a lot to like. The group will be discussing this book on Thursday, **December 29** at 6:30 pm. Books are available at the desk, or bring your own copy. Café Parlez is sponsored by the Friends of Plumb Library. Continue the discussion on Goodreads – www.GoodReads.com.

The schedule for 2012 is available at the library. Selections will include: *Bel Canto*, *Room*, *Three Junes*, *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, *The Last Child*, *The Tiger's Wife*, *Mrs. Kimble*, and *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*.

• **Food for Fines** – During the month of December, Plumb Library patrons can have their late fees and fines waived if they donate non-perishable items for local food pantries, or pet food for local animal shelters. "Food for Fines" will continue until **December 23**. Donations cannot cover lost book fees, or lost card fees. Call the library for more information. Start the New Year with a clean slate and help local food pantries.

• **ABCs and Me** – "ABCs, Music and Me", a five-week program for toddlers ages 12 to 24 months will begin on Tuesday, **January 3** from 10:30 to 11:15 am at the Plumb Library. During this program, children will enjoy an array of fun musical activities using instruments, songs, rhymes and stories to build an appreciation of music. Space is limited, and there are some spots available. Pre-registration is required. Call the library at 508-763-8600 for more information or to reserve a place for your toddler.

• **Preschool Storytime** – Storytime for ages 3 to 5 will start on Wednesday, **January 4** at 10:30 am. Toddler Storytime for ages 2 to 3 and their parents or caregivers will start on Friday, **January 6** at 10:30 am. Spaces are still available in both programs. Call to register.

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Holiday Flash Mob







During a "flash mob" performance at the Dartmouth Mall on December 16, over 200 carolers held LED votive lights and sang "Silent Night". The event was coordinated by Mattapoisett native Chad Michael Peters, who used social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter to spread the word about the surprise holiday event. Many Tri-Town residents were in the "mob". See the video on The Wanderer *website at: www.wanderer.com. Photos by Felix Perez.*



These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

• **Art on the Spot** – Kara Andrews from "Art on the Spot" in Middleboro will be at the Plumb Library on Saturday, **January 28** from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm for a face-painting workshop. This program is for children ages 10 and up, and is free of charge thanks to the Friends of Plumb Library. A pizza lunch will be served. Pre-registration is required.

• **Symphony Tales** – The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's "Symphony Tales" program will be in the area presenting *Scritch Scratch: A Perfect Match* by local author Kim Marcus. The program will be at the Mattapoisett Public Library on Saturday, **January 21**, and at the Plumb Library on Saturday, **February 4**. The story will be read accompanied by a cellist. There will be a small cello available for the children to try. Copies of the book will be for sale at the library to be signed by the author, who will also give a short presentation on the creation of the book. Registration and book order forms will be available at the library, and will be sent to grades K-1 in the Mattapoisett and Rochester public schools.

• **Yarn Swap** – Are you looking to clean out your yarn stash for the New Year? Tired of looking at the same old yarn? Want to try some new yarns or patterns? Bring your unwanted yarn to the Yarn Stash and Pattern Swap at the Plumb Library on Friday, **January 20** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Be sure the yarn is clean and is labeled. Refreshments will be served. Call the library for more information.

• **Non-Fiction Book Group** – "Just the Facts" non-fiction book group will be discussing *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*, by Wes Moore on Thursday, **January 19** at 6:30 pm. Two kids with the same name were born blocks apart in the same decaying city within a year of each other. One grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, and a White House fellow. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. This is the story of two boys and the choices they made. Books are available at the desk.

The non-fiction schedule for 2012 is: **January 20**: *The Other Wes Moore*, by Wes Moore; **February 16**: *Cod*, by Mark Kurlansky; **March 15**: *In the Garden of the Beasts*, by Erik Larsen; **April 19**: *Columbine*, by Dave Cullen; **May 17**: *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, by Amy Chua.

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Mattapoisett COA

• **Exercise**: Mondays at 10:00 am, QiGong ($2.50); Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, Strength and Balance ($2.50); Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:45 am, Yoga ($2.50); Wednesdays at 10:00 am, CardioDance Fit ($4).

• **Crafts**: Mondays at 10:00 am, Knitting Group (free).

• **Social**: Mondays at 1:00 pm, Scrabble (free); Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Bingo (per card); Thursdays at 9:00 am, Bridge (free).

• **Mattapoisett Mah Jongg** – The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center in Center School, 17 Barstow Street is offering Mah Jongg every Wednesday at 1:30 pm.

Learn to play Mah Jongg or add the Wednesday afternoon session to your weekly Mah Jongg schedule. Reserve your place by calling the Center at 508-758-4110.

• **Free Movie** – Midnight in Paris will be shown at noon on **January 31**. Registration is required by January 30. $2 is also available.

• **Lunch and Speaker** – "Home Safety" will be discussed on Tuesday, January 17 at noon. Lunch will be available – please register before January 12. Lunch is $3.

The Mattapoisett COA is located in the Center School at 17 Barstow Street. The phone number is 508-758-4110.

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Sunday December 25, 2011

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Monday December 26, 2011
8:00 AM – Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
9:00 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:30 AM – Your Next Bold Move
10:00 AM – Army News-watch
10:30 AM – White House Chronicle
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
4:00 PM – Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
8:00 PM - ORCTV Holiday 2011 Greetings
9:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - European Journal
9:30 PM – Global 3000
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday December 27, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - ATU and the Community
3:00 PM – ORCTV Community Announcements
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM – Senior Scene
7:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – Physician Focus
11:00 PM – Free Minds TV
Midnight – Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday December 28, 2011
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
9:00AM – Emily's Garden
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - ORCTV Holiday 2011 Greetings
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday December 29, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
10:00 AM – NASA 360
10:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
3:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
4:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Steve Cassidy
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
10:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday December 30, 2011
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
8:30 AM - ORCTV Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Emily's Garden
3:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - European Journal
3:30 PM - Global 3000
5:00 PM – Explore
5:30 PM – Earth Focus
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Free minds TV
8:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
8:30 PM - Around BCC
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday December 31, 2011
7:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:30 AM – NASA 360
10:30 PM - Go Fish – With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM – ORCTV Holiday 2011 Greetings
2:00 PM – Around BCC
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM - Paranormal Generation
3:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM - The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM – Emily's Garden
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – The Dungeon of Dreck

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Marion School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Rochester School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
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Daily Schedule
8:30 AM - Mattapoisett School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 AM – Sippican School - Principal's Tea - October 26, 2011
9:45 AM - 2011 ORRHS John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
10:00 AM – ORRHS 2011 Holiday Concert
11:00 AM – The Golden Age of Television
12:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
1:00 PM - ORRHS – 2011 Bulldog Dash
3:00 PM - ORRHS 2011 Holiday Concert
4:00 PM - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects – 'PSAs'
4:45 PM - 2011 ORRHS John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
5:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
6:00 PM - ORRHS - 2011 Bulldog Dash
6:30 PM – The Golden Age of Television
7:45 PM - 2011 ORRHS John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
8:00 PM – ORRHS – Video Journalism Class Projects – 'Student PSAs'
8:30 PM - Mattapoisett School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 PM - ORRHS 2011 Holiday Concert

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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of every month the Marion COA sponsors a different speaker. All talks are held at 1:00 pm at the Marion Police Station. Pre-registration is not needed and this is a free event. Topics are:

- **January 4** – How to protect your nest egg.
- **February 1** – When Love is Not Enough – Dos and don'ts when communicating with Alzheimer's patients.

Mattapoisett Tax Collector News

The Town of Mattapoisett is pleased to offer the option of paying for water/sewer bills and property and excise taxes with a credit card at the Collector's Office counter. The new credit card reader service is being offered in conjunction with the Town's third-party vendor for online eBill payment services. Bill payers who use the new secure in-office credit card swiper service will be charged a convenience fee of approximately three percent of the total bill, and will be informed of the exact amount before the transaction is completed. The "Swiper" can be used for paying with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards. The Town is looking to expand this service, as well as the online bill payment service, to include other town departmental bills in the future.

Free Self-Defense Classes for Women

Rochester Police Press Release

The Rochester Police Department will offer self-defense classes for women 14 years and older on **December 28** and **January 4** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, **January 7** from 9:00 to noon and **January 7** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This four-part course is offered at Old Colony Regional Vocational High School, 476 North Avenue, Rochester.

This is a free program for Tri-Town women. Call the Rochester Police at 508-763-5112 ext. 109 to register.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System is a 12-hour program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

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Movie Review



Year in Review

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Things don't change much. If you look at the top ten box-office winners from ten years ago, it doesn't look a lot different from 2011's list. A *Harry Potter* film tops both lists — in 2001 it was the first one, this year it was the last. There's a *Planet of the Apes* film on both, which means that Tim Burton's 2001 attempt was so disliked (I liked it, though) that it took a decade to make another. And a fine film it was, too — *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* was a surprise critical favorite as well as a surprise hit, with visual effects on a level that, in 2001, was only starting to be possible.

Most of the top-ten list for 2011 is taken up by sequels; the two exceptions, *Thor* and *Captain America,* were comic-book flicks. From this you might gather that there's no audience any more for original films for adults. But keep an eye on that often-overlooked female demographic. Two surprise smashes that just missed the list: *The Help* and *Bridesmaids.* Whatever their individual qualities, they indicate a large and hungry audience for stories about women — and not just the usual romantic comedies starring Sarah Jessica Parker (or teenage fables about undying love with a sparkly vampire).

Most of the films *I* liked in 2011 either never came to a theater near you or arrived with plenty of critical poison warning you away. I'll be the contrarian and note that *Sucker Punch* was the most ambitious — certainly the most visually ambitious — American film to get a wide release in theaters this year. It got a bad rap from critics who treated it as just another hunk of Comic-Con fanboy bait, but there's a lot more going on in it than meets the eye. Here's hoping it gains a cult on DVD and Blu-ray. I also enjoyed Lars von Trier's *Melancholia,* Lynne Ramsay's *We Need to Talk About Kevin* (although "enjoyed" is perhaps not the word for that bleak drama), Kevin Smith's flawed but (again) ambitious *Red State,* and the aforementioned *Bridesmaids,* unquestionably the adult American comedy of the year. Among guilty pleasures, *Drive Angry* and *Hobo with a Shotgun* brought some much-needed grindhouse flavor back to movies.

If you're tired of comic-book flicks, you're out of luck next summer, which brings three of the most hotly-awaited ones: *The Avengers, The Amazing Spider-Man,* and *The Dark Knight Rises.* If any of them go down in flames, that might be the end of superheroes at the cineplex for a while, especially since they're starting to run out of comic books to adapt. *Harry Potter* is over and gone, but there's still one more *Twilight* sequel to go, and *The Hunger Games* is poised to take over the young-adult demographic. The first of two *Hobbit* films arrives next Christmas, as does Quentin Tarantino's next film, *Django Unchained,* the movie I'm most looking forward to in 2012. Oh, and 3D isn't going away any time soon. Aside from the new blockbusters coming out in the stupid-glasses format, at least two past blockbusters — *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace* and James Cameron's *Titanic* — will be reissued in three dimensions.

Oh, yes, there'll be more sequels and remakes, too, and seemingly every month will bring yet another sub-Pixar computer-animated kiddie flick that parents will have to suffer through. Is there any hope for 2012? Well, sure. As I say, there are always surprises. We know what the big movies next year are *supposed* to be, but we won't know what they actually *are* until they get here. Who knew last December that *Bridesmaids* would end up one of the biggest R-rated comedies of all time? Even *Bad Teacher,* which I hated, cracked $100 million. Again, you gotta watch those women in the under-served 25-50 demographic. They want something other than *Green Lantern* and *Hangover 2* and *Transformers* and 87 cutesy-poo cartoons every year. And Hollywood, if there are any working brains out there at all, will start giving it to them.

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taught by Rochester Police Officers Robert Small and Elizabeth Rich who are certified RAD instructors. The RAD System of Physical Defense is currently being taught at many Police Departments, Colleges, and Universities. The growing, widespread acceptance of this system is primarily due to the ease, simplicity and effectiveness of its tactics, solid research, and unique teaching methodology.

The RAD Systems is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault, by utilizing easy, effective and proven self-defense tactics. The system of realistic defense will provide a woman with the knowledge to make an educated decision about resistance.

Session 1 – Utilizing the RAD student manual, students will be involved in a discussion of risk reduction strategies, date rape, continuum of survival, defensive strategies and the basic principles of defense.

Session 2 – Participating students will begin the process of hands on training, discuss the pros and cons of defensive weaponry, how to develop a defensive mindset, understanding offensive and defensive postures, recognizing vulnerable locations and utilizing personal weapons.

Session 3 – Participating students will continue the process of hands on training. The techniques utilized by RAD Systems are based on simple gross motor skills and are developed to the point that they become instinctual through repetition. Students will have the opportunity to use these techniques in dynamic impact training by striking padded equipment held by the instructors. All techniques target a single attacker.

Session 4 – Students will then participate in "simulated assault" scenarios with RAD instructors, who along with participants, wear state-of-the-art protective gear specifically designed for this training. Women have the opportunity to utilize their skills in a safe training environment.

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Dec. 12 to 19
• Barros Drive – Building Check
• Hiller St – Parking Violation
• Pumping Station Rd – Welfare Check
• Delano Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
• Wareham Rd – Medical Emergency
• Barros Dr – Paper Service
• Jenney Dr – Burglar Alarm
• Pumping Station Rd – Larceny
• Mill St – Suspicious Vehicle
• Pleasant St – Animal Complaint
• Converse Rd – Vehicle Stop
• Washburn Park – Suspicious Vehicle
• Front St – Found Property
• Cove Cir – Medical Emergency
• Nokomis Rd – Welfare Check
• Wareham Rd – Vehicle Stop
• Front St – Building Check
• Wareham – EMS Mutual Aid
• Dexter Rd – Officer Wanted
• Front St – Car Accident
• Point Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
• County Rd – Lockout
• Moorings Rd – Fire Alarm
• Wareham Rd – Disabled Vehicle
• Point Rd – Arrest, OUI
• Spring St – Disturbance
• Wareham Rd – Arrest, OUI
• Dexter Rd – Disturbance

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Dec. 12 to 19
• North St – Vehicle Violations
• Ned's Point – Drugs/Narcotics
• Melissa Anne Ln – Gunshots Reported
• Sconticut Neck – Amb. Mutual Aid
• Brandt Island Shores – Burglar Alarm
• North St – Vandalism
• Fairhaven Rd – Vandalism
• County Rd – Property Returned
• County Rd – Drugs/Narcotics
• Hammond St – Fire
• Main St – Animal Control
• Acushnet Rd – Car Accident
• North St – Vehicle Violations
• County Rd – Disturbance
• Fairhaven Rd – Car Accident
• Randall Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
• North St – Car Accident
• Brandt Island Rd – Vandalism
• Baptist St – Disturbance
• Front St , Marion– Domestic Disturbance
• Main St – 911 Hang-up
• Fairhaven Rd – Car Accident
• Fairhaven Rd – Vehicle Violations
• Marion Rd – Vehicle Violations
• Reservation Rd – General Services
• Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Burglar Alarm
• Maplewood St – Larceny
• Shaw St – Animal Control
• Aucoot Rd – Suspicious Vehicle

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Dec. 12 to 19
• Cranberry Highway – Area Check
• Cranberry Highway – Erratic Operation
• Cross Rd – Traffic Hazard
• Haskell Ridge Rd – Animal Control
• High St – B&E
• Pine St – Fire Alarm
• Walnut Plain Rd – Burglar Alarm
• Snipatuit Rd – Animal Control
• North Ave – Animal Control
• Marion Rd – Officer Wanted
• Nathaniel's Dr – Area Check
• Rounseville Rd – Building Check
• Taber Ln – Larceny
• Porter Rd – Animal Control
• Neck Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
• Rounseville Rd – Animal Control
• Mary's Pond Rd – Animal Control
• Cushman Rd – Animal Control
• Burgess Ave – Brush Fire
• Hartley Rd – Restraining Order Service
• Vaughan Hill Rd – Car Fire
• Stuart Rd – Burglar Alarm
• Noble Rd – Traffic Hazard
• North Ave – Ambulance Request
• North Ave – Lockout
• Mendell Rd – Suspicious Activity
• Mattapoisett Rd – Warrant Arrest
• North Ave – Disabled Vehicle
• County Rd – Auto Fire

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, **December 26**: CLOSED.
Tuesday, **December 27**: Chicken Teriyaki, Asian rice, Oriental blend vegetables, whole wheat roll, pineapple.
Wednesday, **December 28**: Meatloaf, gravy mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced bread, birthday cake, diet: graham waffle.
Thursday, **December 29**: Breaded chicken sandwich, Italian pasta, Roman blend vegetable, hamburger roll, pears.
Friday, **December 30**: Shrimp & Fish Newburg, buttered noodles, Scandinavian blend vegetables, multi grain roll, fresh fruit.
Monday, **January 2**: CLOSED.
Tuesday, **January 3**: Cheese lasagna w/ tomato veggie sauce, Italian blend vegetables, whole wheat roll, chilled fruit.
Wednesday, **January 4**: Greek meatballs, confetti rice, green beans, wheat bread, fruited jello.
Thursday, **January 5**: Roast turkey w/ gravy, cranberry sauce, winter squash, whipped potatoes, whole wheat bread, brownie, diet: cookie.
Friday, **January 6**: Chicken tetrazzini, country blend vegetables, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY CENTER
Monday, **January 2**: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 3**: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrots sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 4**: Stuffed crust pizza, steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 5**: Chicken nuggets w/ assorted dipping sauces, pasta & veggie salad, warm cinnamon applesauce, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 6**: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato & salsa, steamed corn, warm tortilla chips, fruit, milk.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, **January 2**: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 3**: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrots sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 4**: Stuffed crust pizza, steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 5**: Chicken nuggets w/ assorted dipping sauces, pasta & veggie salad, warm cinnamon applesauce, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 6**: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato & salsa, steamed corn, rice, fruit, milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, **January 2**: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 3**: Toasted cheese or ham & cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 4**: BBQ pork rib sandwich, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed peas, fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 5**: Meatballs, pizza, cheese breadstick w/ homemade sauce, ceasar salad, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 6**: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato & salsa, steamed corn, warm tortilla chips, fresh fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, **January 2**: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 3**: Toasted cheese or ham & cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 4**: Stuffed crust pizza, steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 5**: Meatballs, stuffed shells, mozzarella sticks w/ homemade sauce, ceasar salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 6**: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato & salsa, steamed corn, Spanish rice, fruit, milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION
Monday, **January 2**: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 3**: Toasted cheese or ham & cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 4**: Stuffed crust pizza, steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 5**: Meatballs, stuffed shells, mozzarella sticks w/ homemade sauce, ceasar salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 6**: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato & salsa, steamed corn, warm tortilla chips, fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH
Monday, **January 2**: NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 3**: Asian chicken bowl w/ broccoli, rice, peaches.
Wednesday, **January 4**: Steak sub w/ peppers & onions, fries, carrots, applesauce.
Thursday, **January 5**: American Chop Suey, green beans, bread sticks, pears.
Friday, **January 6**: Chicken patty, salad, pasta salad, fruit.

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Marion Senior Fuel Assistance

If you are an elder and live in the communities of Marion, Mattapoisett, or Rochester, and are having difficulty paying for fuel this season, Coastline Elderly Services may be able to help you with a one-time payment for fuel assistance.

This program will benefit elders 60 years of age or older who live on fixed incomes.

Fuel assistance may be provided for oil, gas, electric, propane, or other fuels. Contact the Marion Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 for details.

From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

• **Dog Licensing** - If your dog has not been licensed for 2011, please do so as soon as possible. The second late fee of $20 is now in effect. If your dog is male/female the fee is now $32, if your dog has been spayed/neutered the fee is now $29, this includes the $20 late fee. Current rabies certificate must be on file before a license can be issued.

• **Mooring Inspections** – If your mooring number is preceded by a letter (A-H), you should have received a letter and a mooring inspection form in the mail. The form must be on file in the Town Clerk's office before your 2012 payment will be accepted. Please be sure the form has been signed and dated before returning it. If per chance you did not receive this letter and form, please call the Clerk's office and one will be sent to you or if able, stop by and pick up the form.

• **2012 Presidential Election Year** – College Students – Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office. As soon as college students know their college address, they should stop by and fill in an application so that we can send them a ballot as soon as they are available in 2012. A parent may also file this form for them. Ballots cannot be picked up (unless you are voting in person, here in the office) – they must be mailed. All instructions will be sent with the ballot. A parent or immediate family member may return the ballot to us, but it must be sent via the mail. If you have any question please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4103 ext. 2.

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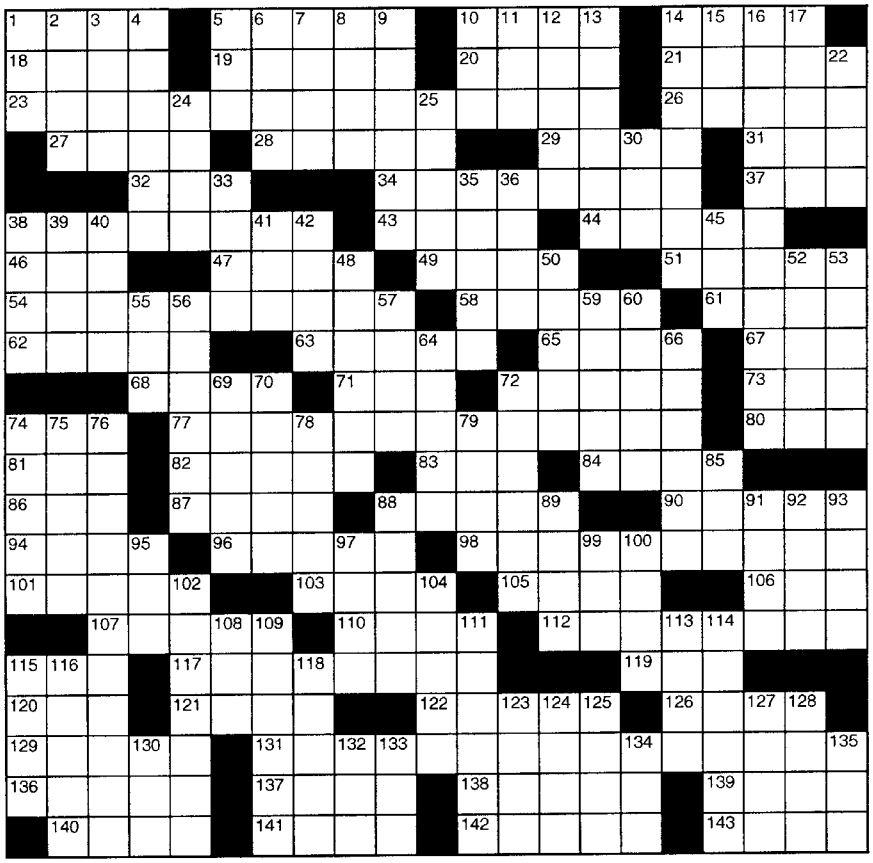
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1 "— it the truth?"
5 Restrain
10 Conduit fittings
14 Active volcano
18 "The Green —" ('56 hit)
19 Victorian ornament
20 Rachel's sister
21 TV's "The Wonder —"
23 Guns n' Roses hit
26 — nous
27 Soprano Gluck
28 "— a day's work"
29 Sleuth Nancy
31 Herriman's "Krazy —"
32 Mythical monster
34 In flight
37 Adjective suffix
38 One of "The Three Tenors"
43 Rock's — & the Gang
44 Pine
46 Kimono cummerbund
47 Interrogates
49 Cranny's companion
51 Toomey or Philbin
54 Rose Nylund's portrayer
58 Okefenokee, for one
61 Skin problem
62 Irwin of "The Crocodile Hunter"
63 '78 Peace Nobelist
65 Pestiferous person
67 Unmatched
68 Went like hotcakes
71 Apprehend
72 Cumin or coriander
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84 Prepare prunes
86 Bar supply
87 Linguist Chomsky
88 Scope
90 Unbroken
94 "Divine Comedy" figure
96 Caroline, to Ted
98 "The Name of the Rose" author
101 Send the money
103 Salt serving
105 — Alto, CA
106 Dover's st.
107 Fight site
110 Temporary wealth?
112 Butcher's offering
115 "The — and I" ('47 film)
117 "Fait —"
119 Ending for "auction"
120 Sought office
121 Penny or peseta
122 Wrong
126 Architect Saarinen
129 Conductor Seiji
131 Rose McGowan movie
136 Murcia mister
137 Take — the chin
138 Spring for
139 Actress Ward
140 Live on lettuce
141 Bean on the bean
142 Hope's "The Prisoner of —"
143 North Carolina campus

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1 Pitches
2 Where the tall corn grows
3 Gallagher of Oasis
4 Aftershock
5 New Deal agcy.
6 "Very funny!"
7 Runner Zatopek
8 Room without a view?
9 Alaskan bear
10 Shady character?
11 Wahine's wreath
12 Joe of "Dr. Quinn"
13 '62 Four Seasons hit
14 Glasses
15 Dress size
16 "Ramblin' Rose" singer
17 Stage backdrop
22 Clockmaker Thomas
24 Grocer's measure
25 Tearjerker?
30 Vane letters
33 Gullet
35 Perch
36 Run through
38 Male swans
39 Help a hood
40 Formal ceremony
41 — blond
42 Goes downhill fast?
45 Stephen of "Interview with the Vampire"
48 Loses a lap
50 Phi Beta —
52 79 Down's homeland
53 Passover meal
55 Watching machines?
56 Petty officer
57 Dairy-case purchase
59 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
60 Ornamental loop
64 Gulf
66 Most revolutionary
69 Divulge
70 — Lama
72 Cocktail ingredient
74 It makes candy dandy
75 Austen title start
76 "The Rose Tattoo" actress
78 Christened
79 "Elephant Boy" star
85 Wine and dine
88 Moral man?
89 Stowe sight
91 A swan was her swain
92 Summertime treats
93 Lamebrain
95 Russian space station
97 Tranquil
99 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
100 Morning wear
102 4 p.m. vehicle?
104 Muslim dietary term
108 Sgt. or cpl.
109 Like lemons
111 WWII admiral
113 Shorten a sail
114 Threat words
115 Desire deified
116 Looked longingly
118 — a customer
123 Concerning
124 Lightweight gun
125 Large herring
127 Whirl
128 Christiania, today
130 Affliction
132 Wolfram — Eschenbach
133 Squid's squirt
134 "Wings" abbr.
135 Solo of "Star Wars"



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

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In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, Lions Clubs International makes a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world. It works to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs around the world. It has more than 1.35 million members in 206 countries. To learn more about Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

50th Tri-County Symphonic Band Season

The 2011/2012 concert season, the Tri-County Symphonic Band's 50th, brings the organization back to its roots with all three former Music Directors returning to the stage. Great music, superb musicians and a wonderfully supportive audience is the right combination for this celebratory year. Please come and share in the "Tri-County experience" that has thrilled audiences for over 50 years.

• **February 5**, 2012, "Suites and Sweets" – Former Music Director Daniel Lasdow will conduct a concert of suites and other pieces for concert band. Current Music Director and euphonium player Philip Sanborn will be the featured soloist.

• **March 18**, 2012, "German Gems" – Original compositions for band by former Music Director George Dietzler will be framed by transcriptions from the German masters. Violinist Jesse Holstein will be the featured soloist.

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The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Douglas and Joanne Watson for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow reconstruction and extension of an existing non-conforming structure, including the removal and replacement of an existing structure.

The property, located at 32 Oakdale Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 12 as Lot 20A.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/15, 12/22, 1/05

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
#10011

The Rochester Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the petition of Brian G. Reed, 541 North Avenue, Assessors plan 44 lot 32, who is seeking an amendment to special permit #478, (section VIII.D.9.a.), which allowed a two family dwelling unit. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 12/22, 01/05

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Notice of Intent filed by Eduardo M. & Maria H. Gouveia for property located at 31 Edwards Lane, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant proposes to construct a 24' x 24' garage within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The subject property is designated as Lot # 17N on Assessors' Map # 35. The property owner of record is Eduardo M. & Maria H. Gouveia, 31 Edwards Lane, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant's representative is Kevin W. Forgue of G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.

Rosemary T. Smith, Chairperson 12/22

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by Linda Thistle

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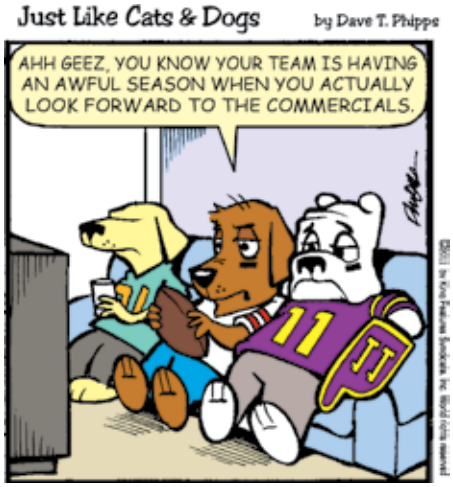
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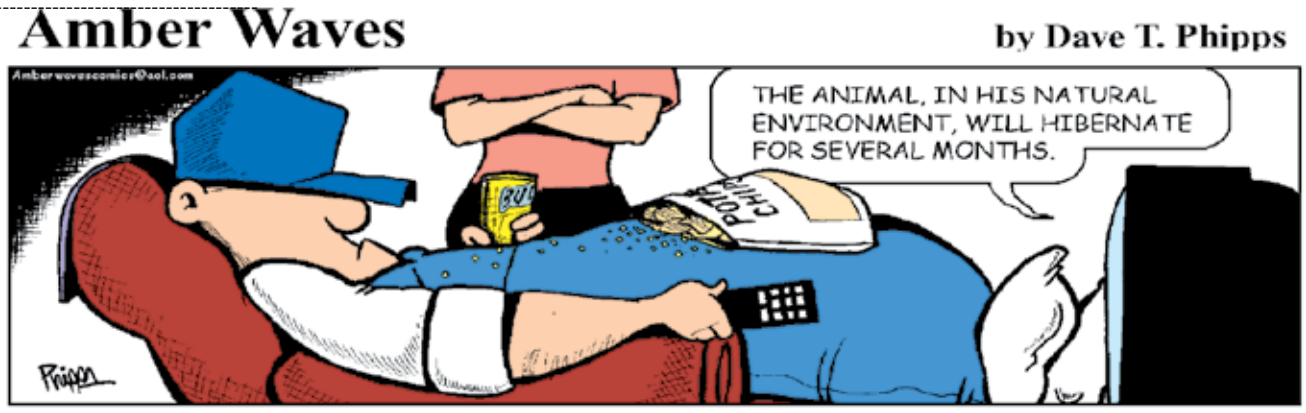
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Saturdays and Sundays during the winter are Drop-in Crafts days in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's web site at www.elizabethtaberlibrary.org.

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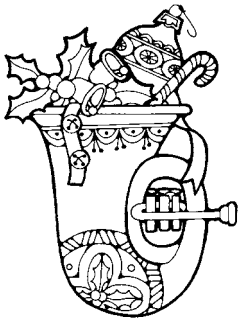
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Tyler Mourao	December 26
Betsey Oldham	December 27
David Duchaine	December 27
Kate Hughes	December 27
Laurie Chiarito	December 27
Ethan Somers	December 28
Megan Field	December 28
Amber Gilbert	December 29
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Karen M. Paquette	December 31
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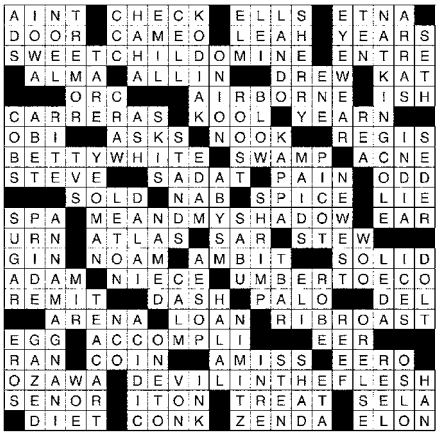
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Marion Council on Aging

• **Z Tickets** – The Marion Council on Aging has discounted tickets to the Zeiterion Theatre. Please call for a listing of events and times.

• **YMCA Trips** – The Marion Council on Aging van is currently providing transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham. Call the COA for details: 508-748-3570.

• **Donations Needed** – The council is seeking donations of used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club. A drop box is located outside the office door on Spring Street.

• **Grocery Shopping** – A change in the grocery shopping schedule has occurred. The first and third Wednesday of the month the COA will be providing transportation to the Wareham area, the first and third Wednesdays to Market Basket in New Bedford and the alternate Wednesdays to Price Rite. Pick up begins at 12:45 pm. Passengers must call the office to reserve a spot.

Hockey Registration

• **Learn to Play** – The Canal Sharks are pleased to announce the registration for the Learn-To-Play hockey program. This program is open to all girls and boys that would like to have a little fun and learn the game. Skaters registering for this program should be able to skate the length of the ice with equipment on and without assistance. All ice time will be at the Gallo Arena in Bourne and will be played on the weekend.

• **House Mite League** – The Canal Sharks are pleased to announce an exciting and newly designed House Mite "Original 6 NHL" Hockey League. This format was designed with fun in mind and the understanding that these young players will develop their skills better in smaller ice games and that both kids and parents want the real team, real game feel. This program is open to boys and girls. Some hockey experience is recommended. Ice time will be held at Gallo Arena on one weekday evening and one weekend morning.

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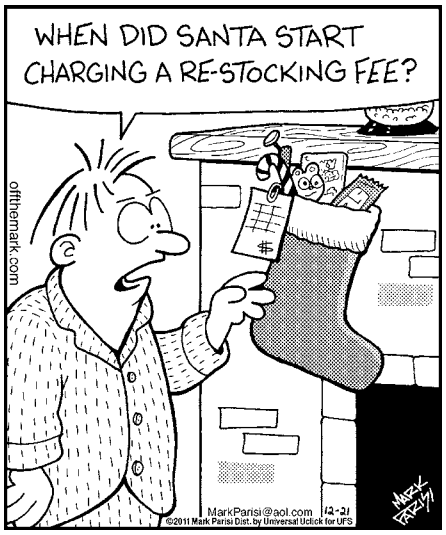
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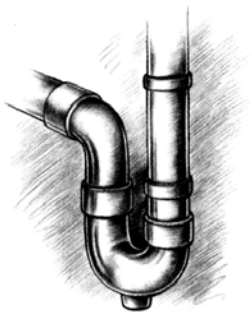
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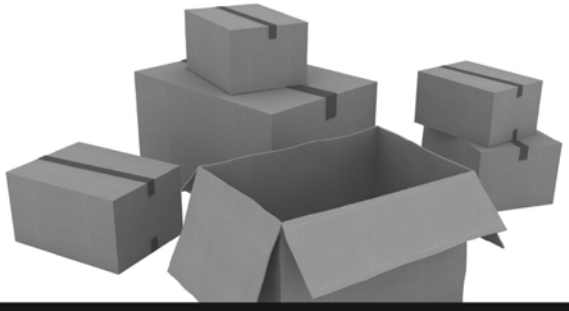
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"I decided to get involved with the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program because it seemed like a very simple way to be able make a difference, and it was just one hour a month," said Beth Riccitelli of Somerset who has been a driver for almost two years. "I was also newly retired and didn't mind driving, so Road to Recovery was the ideal way to meet


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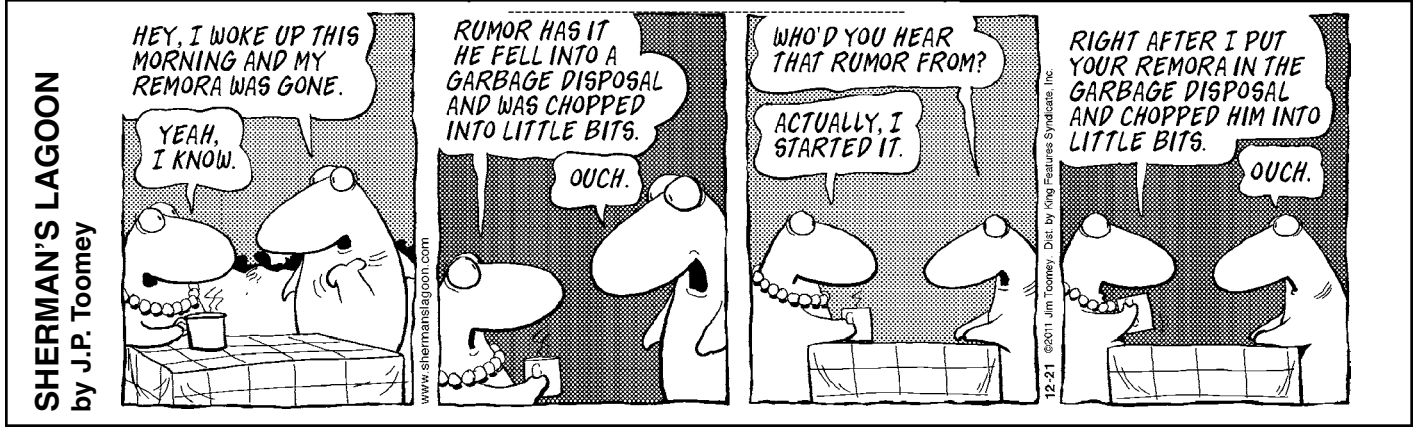
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• **Shipyard Park Flag Display** – The Veterans Service Office would like to offer families of deceased veterans of Mattapoisett two weeks to fly their veteran's burial flag at Shipyard Park. The offer is for two weeks and will start on a Friday and end on a Friday. It will be in a first come, first serve basis.

Any family of a Mattapoisett veteran that would like to honor the veteran on a special date, please call the Mattapoisett Veterans Office at 508-757-4100, ext. 212 for more information.

• **Warning to Veterans from DVA** – A note to veterans: an organization called "Veterans Affairs Services" (VAS) is gathering benefit and general information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) in any way.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Mattapoisett's Legal Counsel has requested that the Mattapoisett Veteran's Office coordinate with the Department of Defense to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group (VAS) and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by the VA.

In addition, if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass this information to Michael Daugherty at the following address: Michael Daugherty, Staff Attorney, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel (022G2).

For further information, please contact Mattapoisett's Veteran's Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 212.

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Assad, Shay D Assad, Christine M	Webster First FCU x	32 Beach St	Marion	11/28/2011	825000
Fantoni, Mark A Fantoni, Christine M	Divincenzo, Jonathan Divincenzo, Amy	4 Cove St	Marion	11/30/2011	720000
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Doubrava, Jeffrey J Doubrava, Elizabeth M	Egger-Hanson RT Hanson, Kenneth L	47 East Ave	Marion	12/01/2011	1430000
Jenney, David J x	Kendrick, Robin L x	828 Point Rd	Marion	11/28/2011	75000
Gold, Stevan B Gold, Pamela J	Ciffolillo, Jon A Tichon, Julie A	8 Bay View Avenue Bb	Mattapoisett	11/30/2011	595000
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Scully, Daniel R Scully, Jennifer R	Brandt Island RT Mello, Curtis J	Brandt Island Rd #39	Mattapoisett	12/02/2011	135000
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Thomas, Kyle G Thomas, Erica J	Connet Woods LLC x	11 Box Turtle Dr	Rochester	12/01/2011	370000
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December 23:	Fri.	6:17	6:38	. . .	12:26
December 24:	Sat.	7:09	7:30	12:03	1:16
December 25:	Sun.	7:59	8:20	12:55	2:03
December 26:	Mon.	8:48	9:10	1:46	2:44
December 27:	Tues.	9:37	9:59	2:34	3:22
December 28:	Wed.	10:26	10:49	3:21	3:58
December 29:	Thurs.	11:14	11:38	4:06	4:35
December 30:	Fri.	. . .	12:02	4:53	5:14
December 31:	Sat.	12:26	12:49	5:47	5:59
January 1:	Sun.	1:15	1:37	6:54	6:54
January 2:	Mon.	2:06	2:30	8:21	7:55
January 3:	Tues.	2:59	3:24	9:26	8:52
January 4:	Wed.	3:56	4:19	10:16	9:44
January 5:	Thurs.	4:49	5:11	11:01	10:31
January 6:	Fri.	5:35	5:56	11:45	11:17
January 7:	Sat.	6:16	6:39	. . .	12:28
January 8:	Sun.	6:56	7:20	12:11	1:09

Phases of the Moon

New Moon	December 24th
First Quarter	January 1st
Full Moon	January 9th
Last Quarter	January 16th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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Each time you find the Aardvark you will also be entered in our monthly drawing for other cool Aardvark Prizes.

If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Aardvark Points.

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 15, 2011 issue the Aardvark was on page 12!

off the mark by Mark Parisi



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